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Previous references.
Laur 80-1681-15.

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Later references.
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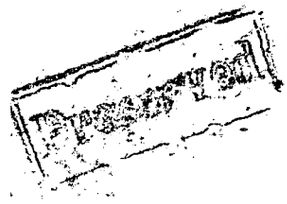

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Serial Nos. 1—20

Part B for February 1922

SUBJECT.

Proposal from the A. Krishna Rao Landholder making certain suggestions to modify the rules of sanctioning a scheme for the Labour Supply in the Malnad.

To

The Deputy Commr. Kadur

No. L 4600 & 13.2.22

Rates with reference to the address presented to the Diwan by the Malnad Land holders Association at the Cessions Session of the Representative Assembly 1921 on the subject of Labour Supply to the Malnad that it is very unlikely that the matter will be considered in the present financial Prosperity—

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M. E. Laur
27.5.22

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Sanitary)

NOTES.

File No. 108/18

FILE HEADING.

Labour supply in the Mines

From Mr. Narayan Krishna Rao, Land Holder

No. 386 Dated 30.3.19 Received 3.4.19

Diary No. 4055	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Suggests certain modifications in the organisation of a scheme for the Labour supply in the mines.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Mr. Krishna Rao suggests the following:-

(1) The Kistna District Labour Committee may be put in charge of the provincial labour organisation of the Province.

(2) That an honorary non-official Secretary may

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Abstracted to work with the Kaigon Dt. Committee with fixed T.A. @ Rs: 100/- & L.A. Rs: 50, each as clerks do as peons.

(3) The experimental period may be limited to three years instead of two.

(4) An enhancement of Rs. 9948 is proposed instead of Rs. 6,776/- sanctioned in the order, dated 16 March 19

(5) Wet lands may be included within the operations of the Labour scheme in addition to Garden &

(6) The entire cost of the operations may be met by Govt. out of the Sugarcess instead of partly from the Sugarcess fund and partly from the landowners as sanctioned in Govt. P.W. & Go. No. 20308-13 - 8 & 10 dated 3 March 19. Su 80-16-15

Submitted with draft acknowledgment for signature.

Issued vide D.O. No. 2

No. 688 dated 15.4.18.

to 4 & 5 Mrs. Ko. Rao also suggested that if the whole cost of the scheme could not be met from the Sugarcess as portion of it may be met from the Malnad Improvement funds of the Shimoga & Kadur dists.

No. 14851 dated 15/4 Copy of Mr. Krishna Rao's letter, addressed to the Director is also submitted.

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Please put up this file before Rao Bahadur is relieved

D. M.
15/4

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3 He has also enclosed a set of draft rules for the working of the scheme.

4 The scheme has been recently sanctioned by Govt. & seems to be necessary to gain some experience from the actual working before attempting any modifications as suggested by Mr. K. Rao.

Submitted for orders

D. M.
16/4

Chief Secy

II Member

5. There is something to be said for entrusting the scheme to the Kadur Dt Committee (Mr L.C.) instead of to the Shimoga Committee when the latter has a special officer who can devote adequate attention to the scheme.

6 Perhaps Mr K. Rao is thinking of himself when he talks of a non-official secy with a fixed ta of 100 & d.A of Rs

I think the establishment already sanctioned in the Fo. of

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10th March is to be adequate though some modification may be made as experience is gained - if necessary the expenditure may be raised to 10000 Rs p.a.

9 It is an essential feature of the scheme that the garden owners & land owners who take advantage of the scheme should pay for it in part at least & Mr Krishnarao's suggestion that Govt should meet the whole cost of the scheme out of the Imperial or partly from that fund Govt or local Govt Funds, is unacceptable.

9 There may be no objection to include wetland holders in the scheme.

10 The idea of having on the Committee two representatives of labour is no doubt good, but Mr K Rao's suggestion to have two men from S. Kanara will not satisfy the ~~point~~ need. There is no guarantee that a mere residence in S. Kanara ensures sympathy with labour interests. The four officers on the Committee may be expected to protect labour interests until circumstances

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permit of direct labour representation

2nd member
Dewan

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16/4/19

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1) There is force in the suggestion that the work is to be entrusted to the Kadur dist Com than to the Shimoga dist Com. Shimoga dist has no coffee Estates within the name of the Talugs of Thirthahalli, Kalasthalli (Nagara & Sagara) do not feel the pinch of labour to the same extent as Koppa & Mudigere. This suggestion is therefore deserving of consideration. As surmised by the Ch. Secy Mr. H K Rao has, I am afraid, some names in view to procure & in the light of this, his proposal for extension of test does not commend itself to me. I also agree with the Ch. Secy that a moiety of the charges shd be met from Subscriptions & not the entire Expenditure from Govt funds whether Europeans or Otherwise. I am reliably told that the views of this gentleman are accepted in their entirety by the other landholders of the area, & that he has the whole community behind him, as made out

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2) The suggestion be changed

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Thereupon the Under Secretary
is appointed

13) As regards the draft Act
the Govt. enclosed with 3
the ... — we made in
the report of the Committee final
Act what exactly it may
be framed

14) Necessary — to send 22/4
2 to 3 years also.
if under 1 and R ... ...
Govt. — to give it the
Committee settled draft

15) Please put up a draft under ...

Draft put up for approval
27/4/19

16) Sent for approval
Chief Secy

Third member 17/4/19

Please type the draft
after it is approved by
Secy D.M.

18) Having gone through the papers
carefully, it seems to me that

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[illegible] will not work unless an [illegible] is obtained in [illegible] Mahad port. The state as suggested by Mr. Kirkpatrick [illegible] No. 4 is not possible for the Mahad region mainly because [illegible] working [illegible] will be attributed to the failure [illegible] appreciable importance [illegible] Bombay [illegible] Mahad [illegible] provide for the employment [illegible] Kaj. The rail [illegible] all round. Untrained [illegible] may be raised from 1/2 to 1/3 [illegible] Dewan's [illegible] 6/5 19 Please submit to the Dewan. 6/5

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20/ Refer report to Committee [illegible] 7/5/19

Finally settled [illegible] 16 s —

21/ Issue [illegible] 17/5/19

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3	Fo no Q 26401-6/San 108-18-3 d 24.5.19 to the Chairman, M.L. Planting Labour Commr; Mr. H. Richard Comptroller Govt, Rev. Comrs; Mr. H. Krishna Sanctions obtain modifications in the fo sanctioning the scheme & calls for preliminary investigation. fr consideration Govt. a report on
4	From G.A. James & Co Friendfield Potacamund, dated 15.5.19. Forwards resolutions of an Indian Planters' meeting held at Ooty endorsing & supporting the labour supply scheme submitted by Mr H. Krishnaraos & states that the control of labour by govt is the only means to end the incessant trouble. 27/5/19 1) Submitted for orders 27/5 2) Mr Campbell has passed resolns welcoming the Scheme of labour Control by Govt 3) may be deposited afln papers D.M. 29/5

Govt

Sec A

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The Member

2) Seen. But the report under should have been issued only after I had seen the remarks of the Chairman.

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2a) I am sorry for the omission

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3rd member 4/6/19 D.M. 4/6

2) Seen 9/6/19

2a) 2/6 D.M. 13/6

Taken in person & ordered to be noted in main file

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5/ From M Horakoppa Krishna Rao
No. 395 dated 22.6.19.
Forwards resolution of the Special meeting of the malnad Landholders' Association requesting sanction to the
a) appointment of an Honorary Non-Official Secretary with head quarters at Koppa. may be entrusted with the working of the Labour Bureau with a fixed T.A. of Rs 150.
b) for the meeting of the cost of the Labour scheme should be met by from Sibpai cess fund
29/ Orders of Chief Secretary on the letter
Protection (1) Please acknowledge
(2) put up with reference early
Intd. C.S.B.
24.6.19.

30) Submitted with a draft acknowledging. Mr. Krishna Rao states that the cost of the Non-official Secretary viz Rs 150/- can be met by reducing the ~~cost~~ pay of the Labour Correspondent at Uddipi by Rs 100/- & sanctioning an additional grant of Rs 50/-

31) He further states that as the people are poor the whole cost may be ordered to be met out of sibpi cess fund instead of the people having to contribute half the cost, as there is a large unexpended balance under that head.
Hsk 27/6/19 SA Copy of his letter addressed to the Dewan is also put up.

32) Done letter ackd put up 2/7.

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To Basappa Krishna Row Esqr
Land Holder, Koppa

No 982 Dy 2-7-19

Acknowledges the receipt of this letter

33) Resubmitted with reference to para 32 above. Another copy of Mr. Krishna Rao's representations addressed to the Third member is also put up.

Her 3/7/19

34) The question of appointing a non offl Secy and of meeting the whole cost of the Scheme from the Depressed Class Fund have both been considered Govt previously. The latter suggestion has been considered unacceptable. And the former has been agreed to (vide Secretariat order Dy 1615)

35) Reply accdy may issue to Mr. Krishna Rao in appd

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(Ch Secy)

3rd member

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14.7.19

36) ~~Further~~ report may be called for

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from the President of the M.I Committee Madras
when Mr H. Krishnappa Rao may be informed
that further orders will be passed upon the
representations after receipt of the
report from the President

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37) Br Draft for 16/7

38) Two drafts put up
H.L. 17/7/19 ~~G.S.S.~~ 17/7 39) Done
for 17/7

7 To the Chairman, M.I. Committee Labour Dept, ~~Madras~~
No. 2221 of 28.7.19
Calls for the report re preliminary investigations ~~re~~ re Labour scheme.

8 To Hanakoppa Krishna Rao Esq,
G. 2222 of 28.7.19
States that orders will be passed on his representations in due course.

Dr. letter ~~No.~~ ~~P 82~~ of 12.8.1919 from Mr Hanakoppa Krishna Rao.

States that his work at Kolipi re investigations into the possibilities of the area tracts of Krishna is finished & that he is proceeding to Bombay requesting early orders on his suggestions

Draft 29/7/19

J. PROTECTION BRANCH. 20 JUL 1919

Reminder 28.8.1919

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	re labour supply in Madras.
40)	Orders of the Devan Thereon. I understand that Deputy Commissioner Kadur has not yet submitted his report. A stronger reminder should issue at once calling for the submission of the report by the end of October at the latest.
	Init M.K. 30.9.1918.
	Secy R.D.
	Chief Sett. Urgent. Init R.D. 30.9.18
41)	Asst Secy, M.D: In what state is question pending. Please let me see papers with a draft to be
	Init C.S.B. 1/10/18
42)	Branch Immediate
	Init M.D. 1/10/18
43)	Draft put up
	Init 1/10. Chief Secy) Init 1/10
44)	Issue dft
	Init 3/10.
	Issued no 182 dt 4-10-18
45)	The file may perhaps be submitted to Chief Secretary for perusal with ref. to para 41
	Init 4.10.18. Chief Secy) Init 4/10
46)	Please remind D.C.
	Init 4/10

reminder

Reply need from D.C. Kadur & also fortnp

This U/O back for refer to Dist. subject is returned on 12/10/18

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	48) Subd: Kind attention is invited to Do letter No 29 d/8.10.19 from the Dy Comr Kadur Dt. The Dc says that a report will be sent by the end of the current month & if approved the question of issue of a reminder to Dc will be postponed. KVR 4/11
2180 8-11-19	49) Subd/Dispersal Seed member) 9/11
	50) Submitted with draft reminder Dy A. 10/12/19 Dy Sec 8-12-19
	51) Issued vide 8/12
	9 From the Dy Comr Kadur, Mat. Ref No M.D.C. 62/19-20 d/ 26.12.1919. Submits a report with the results, on the question investigations made in connection with the Labour supply in Kadur 52) The Deputy Comr states that about 3/4 ths the no of Garden owners in Koppa Taluk do not agree to the conditions specified

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PROTECTION BRANCH. 13 DEC 1919

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in para 3 of the ~~letter~~ no. G. 20308-13/Revy dd 6-6-19 & 10.3.1919 & that no body is willing to pay a cess for meeting a moiety of the Cost of the scheme.

S3 submitted for orders with ref to para 8, 11 & 13 of the note.

8.1.20 Two ~~A brief statement~~ showing the results of the investigations on the points raised in this connection are put up.

Submitted with D/S for appl

10.1.20

S4 The Statement put up shows the points referred for investigation & the results of such investigation; as also the points ordered to be taken up as soon as the Preliminary report of investigation was received.

S5 The report was due in June 1919.

S6 The reports received do not contain the necessary information — the total no. of persons contacted, the no. agreed &c. on each of the points. Drafts calling for same put up. The reports only say that 3/4 of the people are not willing to agree to the conditions. Moreover, no ~~reports~~ records have been received

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from the Rivers Dt. The Rivers Dt. has only sent a Proceedings of the meeting of Landowners held to Consider the points for investigation. It is not known whether a regular investigation was Carried out in the Nittaballi W/ on the same lines as was done in Kottur.

(5) 5th) The drafts put up may be approved.

Ch. Secy.) dcs 16/1/20.

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2nd member) dcs 19/1/20

5th) Non-fulfilment of the conditions mentioned in the memorandum - Final orders may / must be passed upon the respective petitions. Then only the amounts may be asked to be remitted / Refunded / deducted / Collected etc.

5th) These points are.

(1) Whether it is necessary to issue a fresh notification under Sec 4 of the Land Acquisition Act

(2) Whether they had complied with the conditions

(3) Whether they had undergone

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Cattle Lui necessary Sanitary ~~regulations~~ arrangements.

60) ~~Para~~ Unit I may be some indeed to modified - If a reputable number of pucka wells is forthcoming, then the labour agency might started.

Para no ii - The land owners & pucka owners do not want Government to keep any control over this scheme, we may let entire control to the Municipal Corporation. The essence of the scheme lies in their contributing Rs. 1/2 & 5 1/3. wise they would take no interest & the scheme is true to end in failure - I would however retain these restrictions para

Para III - This will have the misfortune upon ~~of~~ the labour in ~~some~~ towns though the agency & that ~~is~~ not.

The Matter is to be discussed in the Council while the approval of the Govt.

61) Dewan's Circulate dtd 23/1/20 by

62) Secretary's Circulate dtd 23.1.20

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A pucka tank will have the status of a pucka ~~tank~~ —

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I am in general agreement with the recommendations made by the Trade member in his Minute of 20-1-20. As regards point-No I shd however not leave it in depth as proposed I shd reduce the ratio from 3/4 to 1/2. The cess in train may as proposed by him be reduced from 1/2 to 1/3 rd. I fully agree that unless there is enforced the Land owners with title no live & real interest in the working of the scheme. In the interests of labour it is absolutely necessary to insist upon suitable sanitary arrangements for it. being made by the Employer.

Rcll.
30-1-20

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(For Disposal at a Meeting)

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.

Clause xii of the schedule)

Report on the scheme for the Labour Supply in the Malnad.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

27th January 1920.

C S Balasundaram
Chief Secretary to Government. 28/1/20

Extraordinary Member of Council.

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First Member of Council. Opinion recorded
Read
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Second Member of Council. Seen.

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Serial No.	
10	From Hosakoppa Krishna Rao No. 415 dt. 28.1.20. Forwards certain proposals & suggestion on the question of Labour supply in Mysore (65) Submitted. Mr. Krishna Rao, states that the investigation was not satisfactorily conducted & the people did not understand what was wanted of them. He urges the necessity for the appointment of a non official Labour Secretary & the making of the requisite amount of Imperial Govt funds. The main file has been sent to Council Section. If approved this also will be ~~sent there for being linked with that~~ inserted into file. HHA Ces 3.2.20
	(66) Yes dcs 4/2/20
	(67) Draft acknowledging put up HHA 4/2 4.2.20
	(68) Same dcs 4/2/20.
11	To H. Krishna Rao Esqr. Hosakoppa. No. 18106 dt. 7.2.20. Acknowledges the letter & states that the matter is under consideration.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the 519th *Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Bangalore on the* 12th February 1920. 19x .

10. Subject. - Clause xii of the schedule.

69)

Report on the scheme for the Labour Supply in the Malnad.

Opinion of the Council.

It is necessary to insist on the ryots making a contribution to the cost of the scheme. The contribution required may be reduced from half to one-third. The Deputy Commissioner, Kadur, may be asked to enquire if the people are prepared to accept the scheme with this modification.

(Signed) M. Kantaraj Urs,

Dewan of Mysore.

"EXTRACT"

C Balasundaram

Chief Secretary to Government.

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	70) To the Assistant Secretary, Medical & Sanitary Section Branch, for kindly submitting the file to the Secy Member of Council with a draft Final Note.

CBS 13/2/20

71) Draft D.F.N. put up

4194 16/2/20

CBS 14/2/20

72) For approval

2nd Member) — DCS 16/2/20.

73) Revised draft put up

74) Draft put up 24/2

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75) D.S.N. please.

DCS 25/2/20.

76) D.F.N. put up

For approval

Chief Secy) 77) DCS 25/2/20.

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78) CBS 26/2/20

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P.T.O.

Final Note by the Third Member of Council.

Subject:—

Organization of a Labour Supply Agency for the Malnad.

Reference is invited to the Final Note of the 25th February 1919 by the Second Member of Council, Mr.P.Raghavendra Rao, regarding the scheme for the creation of a Labour Supply Department for the benefit of the arecanut garden owners in the Taluks of Koppa and Thirthahalli. According to this scheme it was proposed to station a labour recruiting agency at Udipi tentatively for the benefit of the labour-employing garden owners in the taluks referred to if the following conditions were fulfilled, viz.,

(1) if three-fourths of their number agreed to become members of this Department and undertook in writing to act through it only and subject to such rules as might be prescribed by the department in respect of wages, manner of employment, hours of labour etc.,

(2) if the land-owners were prepared to contribute a moiety of the cost of the scheme by raising a suitable acreage cess, and

(3) if the employers of labour would provide for adequate sanitary arrangements for housing the labourers etc.

2. Provision was made for establishment and other charges amounting to Rs.6,776/-, which was subsequently raised to Rs.7,776/- per annum, the expenditure being met equally from the acreage cess referred to above and the Supari Cess Fund.

3. It is now reported that the garden owners of the Koppa Taluk are willing to accept the first and third conditions but not the second, that is, that they are not willing to make any contribution towards the cost of the scheme. The garden owners of the Thirthahalli Taluk, it is stated, are not prepared to agree to any of the conditions proposed.

4. When the papers came before me I recorded the following minute:-

"Point (1) may to some extent be modified. If a respectable number of garden owners be forthcoming, then the labour agency may be started.

Point (2) - The land owners and garden owners do not want to contribute anything towards this scheme, but want the entire cost to be met from the Supari Cess. The essence of the scheme lies in their contribution. Otherwise they would take no interest and the scheme is sure to end in failure. I would however reduce their contribution from one-half to one-third.

Point (3) - This will have to be insisted upon ~~whether~~ whether the labour is secured through the agency of the Government or not.

A paid Secretary will have to be stationed at Koppa."

5. The matter was considered in Council and they consider it necessary to insist on the ryots making a contribution but recommend a reduction of this contribution from one-half to one-third of the cost of the scheme.

6. The resolution of the Council may be approved. Enquiries will be made if the people are prepared to accept the scheme with the modification now recommended.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

25th February 1920.

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Submitted to His Highness.

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I submit herewith a Final Note by the Third *Member of Council on the subject of* the organization of a Labour supply Agency for the Malnad,

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for His Highness' gracious approval.

4th March 1920

Dewan.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject.

Proposals for organising a Labour Supply Agency for the Malnad.

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Order.

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31. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Members of Council for perusal after the issue of orders.

33. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Members.

34. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Members of Council at headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

83) Circulated to the Members of Council for perusal of His Highness' orders ~~before~~ / ~~after~~ issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure.)

C S Balasundaram 9/3/20

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Through the Secretary to Government,

.....Department.

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FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL 8/3 10.3

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10-3-1920.

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL 8/3 Secn Read 12.3.20.

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THIRD MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 8/3 9/3

8/3 Ag Secretary Member

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84	Draft ltr put up Hd 688 15.3.20 Sd for issue dcs 15/3/20.
	To The Dy Commr Kadur Dt Ir Of 21371 dt 16.3.20. Requests to report if the people are prepared to accept the Scheme with the modification that the Contribution required will be reduced from half to one third
	CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE PROTECTED 19 MAR 1920
13	From Hoshoppakrishna Rao dt 6th July 1920. Requests that freemasons given the necessity for the contribution of 1/3 cess for be waived
14	From Dr. Schuman, M & C Kadur Dt no M & C 62/19-20 dt 6.7.20. Reports that the majority of the people in Koppa & Shorthahalli Talukes are not prepared to accept the scheme or to pay even the reduced Contribution now proposed by Govt.
90	Submitted for orders. Hd 688 9.7.20 dcs 13/7/20.
91	The question was discussed at the last meeting of the Central M I Committee & the non-official members were generally in favour of the Scheme. The resolution of the Committee may be communicated to the Koppa Municipality. Sd Hd 688 dcs 18/7/20.
92	Draft ltr put up Hd 688 19.7.20 for issue dcs 19/7/20.

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93) Submitted with a draft for approval, Extract from the proceedings of the M. L. Central Committee as finally approved relating to the subject is also put up.

Hd 14.7.20 Offr 20.8.20
20.8.20

94) We might wait a few days more till printed copies of proceedings are received and then merely invite reference to the portion of the proceedings relating to the subject.

ordered by the Hon'ble to await the publication of the Central Committee proceedings

14.7.20

95) Resubmitted with a draft & printed copy of the proceedings

dcg 20/8/20

Hd 4.9.20 Offr 4.9.20

96) Issue dcg 4/9/20

15 To Hosakhota Krishnaswamy Esqr
No. 5310 dt 7-9-20
Invites his attention to the resolutions of the M. L. committee meeting or the Rejects held on 10.7.20.

97) Submitted. This subject was again placed before the meeting of the M. L. Central committee & after some discussion it was resolved that the Labour supply scheme was unnecessary & that the opinion of the committee might be furnished to govt for information & also that further action about the introduction of Labourers to India into Mysore might be awaited. Draft put upon appd. It is ascertained from Legis. Section that the question of introduction of Labour act has not yet been taken up. 98) Draft may be approved.

Hd 8/11/20 Offr

3570 6/11/20

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MALNAD LAND-HOLDERS' ASSOCIATION, HOSAKOPPA.

M. Krishna Rau, President.

HOSAKOPPA. P. O.
(Koppa-Kadur.)

Dated 30th Dec 1920

To

D. C. Subbarayappa, Esquire, B.A.,

Secretary to the Malnad Improvement Central Committee

Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour te request that you will be good enough to place the marginally noted resolution of the meeting of the Malnad Land-holders' Association held yesterday at Hariharpur, before the Malnad Improvement Central Committee, for their information. The subject is one of great importance and vitally concerns the people of Koppa and Tirthahally and that it should have been dealt with in such a manner is what we are all sorry for.

The question must be treated as an open one and the Committee's resolution deserves reconsideration.

I have the honour to be,

sir,

Your most obedient servant.

" Read and recorded the proceedings of the Malnad Improvement Central Committee held at Shimoga on the 11th Septr. last.

It was resolved after a good deal of discussion, that the resolution of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Malnad labour supply, was very disappointing. The matter engaged the serious attention of the Government during the Dewanship of Sir, M. Visvesvaraya and of the acting Dewan, Mr. A.R.Banerjee who came to the conclusion that there was a need for labour supply organisation. The Association respectfully requests the Government to have an open mind on that important problem before passing final orders and to request the Malnad Improvement Central Committeeto go through the question with an unbiased mind and to record evidence at Koppa and Tirthahally where the labour scarcity is keenly felt before finally arriving at a conclusion and advising Government on the subject which concerns malnad land-owners largely. The gentlemen of the M.I.C.Committee are requested to approach the problem without prejudice and study the difficulties of the labour-employing people on the spot. The Association humbly requests that the question may not be treated as once for all finally settled.

A memorial will soon be submitted in the matter.

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103) Submitted with a draft as personally directed
HSA 12.1.21
12/1/21
DCS

16 To Hosakoppa Krishna Rao, Land Holder, Hosakoppa
No. 4017 of 19.1.1921.
Acknowledges the receipt of his letter & states that the question will again be placed before the Central committee.

105) The Secretary since received a pick up of approved extract from it relating to Hosakoppa Economic Museum & the Cooperative Committee will be sent to the Edn. Section of the Education Secretariat for needful action.
HSA 20.1.21 20/1 after perusal by the Member.

106) The statement made in Mr. Krishna Rao's letter to the effect that the M. D. Central Committee came prepared for a resolution that the Labour Supply Scheme was unnecessary and passed the same in spite of opposition appears to be rather uncalled for.

3rd Member) 107) HSA 20/1/21. DCS

108) Submitted. The question of Labour Supply in the mad was one given subject for

extracts sent to the Education Secretariat
HSA 20.1.21

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	m. 9. central committee. the meeting which was proposed to be held on the 11th April has been postponed. Submitted for orders HHJ 11/4/21 bbs 11/4 3rd Member). 11/4/21
5 802 12/4/21	10) The meeting may be held at Bangalore some time in the month of May Hdj 14/4.
11) Extract taken separately & sent up — HHJ 20/4/1921	
17	RA. Subject no 9 of Deccan 1920 re Mahad Labour Supply Scheme 111) Submitted. In the m. 9. central committee meeting held on 16th May 21, the Hon Rao Bahadur Krishna Rao promised to send revised proposals in the matter which will, if approved, be awaited. HHJ 1/6/21 bbs 3/6 11) Yes 3/6/21.
	113) Submitted with a draft reminder for appl or orders. HHJ 14/7/21 bbs 14/7 Issued L338 11) Done Dy 1877/21. 15/7.
	From Hosakotta Krishna Rao dy 27.9.21 — Sds a copy of the resolns of the Mn. L.H's Assn held on 25.9.21 & requests that the same may be viewed favourably. 11) Mr. H. Krishna Rao has not sent any revised proposals

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and repeats reconsideration of orders in the matter.

Submitted with reference to para 97 above, for orders.

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116 Mr. H. Krishnarao may be informed that while his promises note is yet awaiting sale it is very unlikely that the matter can be considered now on account of the present financial stringency.

Rec'd 6.10.21 dcs 7.10

117 Draft please dcs 9/10/21.

118 Draft sent up.
12/10/21 dcs 14/10/21.

119 To Hosakoppa Krishnarao Esqr Hosakoppa
No L 2369 dt 18-10-21.
States that it is very unlikely that the matter can be considered now on account of the financial Stringency.

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12) Field. The Labour supply scheme was resolved to be unnecessary in the M. D. central committee but Mr. H. Krishna Rao promised to send a revised scheme in May last year. We was informed later that while his promised note is yet awaited still it is very unlikely that the matter can be considered now on account of the present financial stringency.

Filed for above.

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13) The Dewan's reply has made the position quite clear. No further action appears called for.

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(Hon Member)

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20	To Re Dy Comr Madurai
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	Emergency.

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Land-Holder.

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To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer Esquire, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of H.H. the Maharaja,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 20308-13 San. 80-16-15 dated the 10th March 1919, re: the creation of a Labour Recruiting Agency - for the supply of labour to Malnad, of which a copy has been sent to me for opinion, I beg to submit that while feeling grateful - for the consideration bestowed thereon by our benign Government, I cannot shut my eyes to several defects which exist in the ----- Scheme and which need rectification. The Scheme is still not ~~not~~ quite satisfactory and needs the following modifications -- which are suggested in the light of public opinion prevailing in areas which the operation of the proposed labour scheme is likely to affect.

I am deeply indebted and all the malnad people should be, to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja, for upholding the - basic principle of my labour scheme, as expressed in paragraph - 3 (sub para 6) of the G.O. under reference, I need hardly say that no scheme, however costly and eloberate, would succeed if it fails to carry out in practice the principles laid down therein. The present Scheme, though good and satisfactory otherwise, does still require a few modifications to put it in a practical -- working basis and to ensure success and continuity.

The Organisation as or to be sanctioned is at best a poor -- copy pf the U.P.A.S.I. which solely for want of efficient control over employers and recruiting staff is not successful, in spite of the liberal praise bestowed thereon by their votaries. The - European Coffee planters were, for along time, of the opinion - that the labour problem required no Government assistance for a solution and that the whole matter was one for private initiative But of late, they too have found out that without Government ----

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Land-Holder.

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control of employers and agencies, there is no chance of success for any Scheme. The Sub-Committee of the Kurnegal (Ceylon) Planters' Association to consider the report of the Ceylon -- Government Labour Commission with Col. T. Y. Wright as its chairman has unhesitatingly approved of the suggestion of the latter to institute Government control over employers and recruiting Agencies. Here is an extract from the report of the Sub-Committee to which I beg respectfully draw pointed attention of Government:--

> " We, as the Sub-Committee, appointed by the Kurnegal Planters' Association, to consider this report aregenerally in favour of the findings of the commission and unanimously approve of the formation of a Government - Labour Department and taking over of the working of the Coast agency by that Department, both because it will tend to bring all employers of labour under control and assist recruiting and obviate the danger of opposition by Indian Government ..... "

There is now an awakening on the part of the labouring classes all the world over and an incessant warfare is going on between labour and employers, resulting in strikes of various sorts. This is mainly due to all legislation regarding employment of labour being in favour of the employer and the total over-looking of the labour interests. While even the European planting Community found it impossible to entrust the sooth - working of the labour Schemes to the good sense of the employers, it is too musch to expect willing cooperation of ignorant Malnad ryot in respect of treatment of coolies. The tendency of employers over the whole world is to exact maximum of work at minimum cost. This is human nature. Since the European Planting Community itself ascribes failure of all its Schemes to want of control over employers, it is not safe for us to start experimenting on lines abandoned by them as hopelessly unworkable.

Apart from the work done by me in the early stages of my investigation, I have been to South Canara, since receipt -

of the G.O. under reference to consult public opinion in respect of the Government Scheme. I have consulted several prominent - gentlemen, land-owners, merchants, Pleaders and persons of other professions. The opinion of a very large majority is in favour of Government control of both employers and recruiting agencies.

It is not also our purpose to attract by all and every means, as much labour as possible and do the most of it. We - should have a nobler aim that of conciliating labour to make it steady, less shifting and to convert imported labour into indeginous labour. To accomplish this purpose, to infuse confidence in the public mind and to secure the hearty cooperation of the people in recruiting areas, the whole Scheme has to be worked on humanitarian principle with an equal eye to the interests of the employers as well as those of the employees.

Although I am still of the firm conviction that my Scheme as finally submitted, is the irreducible minimum and nothing short of that would adequately satisfy public demands, in the view that the Government desires to make an experiment in the first instance and cannot afford to invest large funds on the working of a -- scheme of which the success cannot be guaged until put to practice I shall so show for climb down from a financial point of view, as to introduce a few modest changes

If, by any means, it is not possible for Government to take over the control, I would suggest that the Kadur District Committee of the Malnad Improvement Scheme, instead of the Shimoga District Committee, may be put in charge of the proposed Labour Department. It is Koppa Taluq that suffer most from scarcity of labour, whereas Tirthahalli lie adjacent to South Canara from where they more -- easily obtain labour. The Kadur District is more inland, besides there being a large number of Indian and European Coffee Planters who engage very large number of coolies. Tirthahalli Taluq, for the matter of that the whole District of Shimoga, has practically no coffee plantations and consequently less competition.

As it is, the working of the scheme is entrusted to a -

Committee. But the entrusting of the management to a Committee is tantamount to entrusting it to nobody. The Committee as a Committee has no physical existence and its responsibilities are more abstract than real. As the Department is a new one, very - likely to meet with competition, the services of a whole-time -- officer wolud be invaluable and absolutely necessary. Since Government is not prepared to appoint an officer of its own, it is suggested that an honorary non-official Secretary may be appinted to work with the Kadur District Committee, so that some one may be held - responsible for the proper working of the proposed labour Bureau.

In modification of the Government Scheme and in the light of the above remarks, I would propose the following arrangements:--

1. A non-official Honorary Secretary to be selected from among the members of the proposed Advisory Board, with a fixed T.A.of Rs.100/- and a local allowance of Rs.50/-, with one clerk on Rs. 30/- per mensem and a peon on a monthly pay of Rs.8/-

(Head quarters to be at Koppa)

2. Two Labour Inspectors on a monthly pay of Rs.40/- each with a fixed cycle allowance of Rs.10 per mensem, one for each of the Taluqs of Koppa and Tirthahalli.

(to protect cooly interests).

3. One labour Correspondant or Deputy Director at Udipi on a monthly pay of Rs.150/- plus a fixed T.A. of Rs.50/- P.M with one head clerk or Accountant on monthly pay of Rs.30/- and one Second clerk on a monthly pay of Rs.20/- and two peons on a monthly pay of Rs.8/- each.

4. Three labour Agents on a monthly pay of Rs.35/- each plus - 25% of the commission, the latter payable by the employers (as explained in the appended detailed Scheme of Rules and Regulations)

5. Nine Maistries at the rate of three for each Agent, each on a monthly pay of Rs.10/- plus the remaining 75% of the Commission.

It is only some such sort of a Scheme that would satisfy public demands. It is neither to the interest of the employers nor to that of Government to waste, though only for two years, a few - thousands of rupees on a Scheme which judging by the precedence of other similar, if not better, ones, is not destined to succeed.

I would also recommend that the experimental period may be extended from two to three years. The first year would be taken up in organisation and the second in the popularising of the Department.

Consequently, one more year's time would be required to test the success or otherwise of the Department.

The Shimoga District Committee, whose Scheme has been adopted by Government with a few or no modifications ought not to have excluded wet lands from consideration in the matter of labour supply. The abnormal shortage of food stuffs and the necessity to increase production thereof by extended cultivation has proved the higher economic value of wet lands than that of bagayats. Wet lands ought to be included within the operations of the labour Scheme. This aspect of the case, along with the other points, was made clear to the said Committee, both at meetings and through correspondence. But the Committee, I regret to note, did not attach due weight to them. The Scheme, as formulated by the Secretary, Central Committee, is quite against the public opinion, although it may be said to have the advantage of having been discussed at a meeting of the Central Committee of which not a single member was and even today is the Malnad Land-owner.

As regards the finance, it is proposed to levy a cess or some sort of contribution from the land-owners for a moity of the cost, the other half being met out of the surplus of the Supari Cess. This arrangement would work considerable hardship on the people. So far at least as Koppa Taluq is concerned, the number of persons owning lands is very small, so much so that they can be counted on one's fingers. The majority or tenants. I do not think that conditions in Tirthahalli Taluq are in any way better. Under the proposed arrangements either the few land-owners would have to bear the whole burden without any compensating gain or the poor tenants saddled with extra cost which, what with the rack rent they have to pay and the increased cost of living they cannot very well afford to bear. There are the accumulationsof the Supari Cess which is Malnad money and rightly belongs to the Malnad people who have a claim thereto. It is therefore humbly suggested that the whole cost of the organisation be met by Government out of the Supari Cess It is being urged for a long time that the supari cess should be

abolished as it has proved an extra burden on the already poor - people of Malnad. It is therefore to be earnestly hoped that the benign Government of His Highness the Maharaja will kindly - devote the surplus thereof to this eminently practical and emergent pressing need of the hour in the Malnad.

Finally, with regard to the personel of the proposed labour Bureau:-- The proposed advisory Board should have on it two persons from South Canara to represent labour interests. The non-official Secretary to be appointed as a full-time officer of the Labour Bureau and the two Labour Inspectors should be local men.

So as to secure the attendance of the South Canara members and to study public opinion in the recruiting area, the Committee should hold at least one meeting in a year in South Canara. Out of the remaining five meetings, 2 should be held at Koppa, one in Tirthahalli and two wherever convenient.

The whole staff in the recruiting area, not excluding the Labour Correspondent should be recruited from among able, intelligent, influential and honest men in South Canara, as strangers cannot command for at least a few years in the begining that - amount of confidence and influence as are desirable to make the Scheme work successfully. With this idea and in consultation with several gentlemen in South Canara, I have cut down the pay of the correspondent to Rs.150/- from Rs.200/- and deleted the local - allowance of Rs.50/-. A consolidated sum of Rs.200/- per mensem would be ample enough for a local person.

During the recent visit of the Acting Dewan, Mr.A.R.Banerjee I.C.S., C.I.E., to Hosakoppa, the question of finance, control etc, of the proposed labour Scheme was at length discussed and the Dewan Saheb promised to send the Scheme for my opinion and suggestions before finally sanctioning it. Consequently, I have submitted the above after mature consideration and on consulting public opinion and I earnestly hope and pray that they will receive due consideration at the hands of Government.

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The difference in cost between the proposed Scheme and that suggested herein is Rs.3000/- only which, considering the utility of the revised Scheme is much too modest. Any thing short of this, I ~~Sir~~, may be pardoned if I venture to say, is not acceptable and the Malnad people who waited for a long time, for a practical solution of this most vital problem may very well do without it.

I also beg to enclose herein the draft rules and regulations for the working of the Bureau together with the Proposition Statement for favour of approval and order of Government.

In conclusion, one word again, about the finance:-- If my proposal for the whole cost of the Scheme being met out of the Supari Cess be not acceptable, I would beg of the benign Government of H.H. the Maharaja that the cost be met partly from the Supari - Cess Fund and partly from the Malnad Improvement Grants of the - Shimoga and Kadur Districts. Considering the poverty-stricken condition of the people in the Malnad, I respectfully submit that in no case the financial burden should be levied on the people.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Hosakoppa Krishna Rao

MALNAD LABOUR BUREAU .

Draft Rules and Regulations for its working.

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1. The Bureau shall be called the Malnad Labour Bureau of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

2. Its operations will, for the present, be limited to the supply of labour to Koppa and Tirthahalli Taluqs.

3. It shall be temporary for a period of three years, continuation thereof and its further extension to other parts of Malnad depending on the success of its working.

4. The Bureau shall consist for the time being of the following executive officers:--

(a) One Non-official Honorary Secretary subject to the control of the Kadur District Committee of the Malnad Improvement Scheme assisted by an Advisory Board consisting of ten members elected from among the land-owners who are members of the Department.

(b) One Labour Corresponden

(c) Three Labour Agents.

(d) Nine Maistries.

(e) Two Labour Inspectors.

5. Kadur District Committee.

5. The Committee assisted by the Advisory Board shall be responsible to the Government for the proper working of the Department and shall exercise general control and supervision thereon.

6. The Deputy Commissioner who is the Chairman of the Committee shall reserve powers to himself to dispose of all matters of routine work requiring immediate consideration, such as the passing for payment of pay Bills and T,A. and contingent Bills etc.

7. The District Committee shall, at its meetings to be held once in two months for transacting bussiness, dispose of and consider all subjects leading to the successful working of the Department, brought before it for consideration by the Chairman of the Committee, the Honorary Secretary and the members of the Advisory Board and the decision of the majority of the Committee shall be deemed to be the opinion of the Committee.

8. The District Committee shall apply annually a sum of Rupees 10,000/- towards the maintenance of the Department and shall also receive a loan of Rs.5,000/- from Government for making advances (as hereinafter explained)

9. It shall be open to the Committee to invite, whenever necessary, public opinion, in and outside the Province, in respect of increase of wages and Regulation of payments to the coolies and of any other measures leading to the smooth and successful working of the Department.

10. The Non-Official Honorary Secretary.

The Secretary shall act as the chief Executive officer of the Department under the direction of the District Committee.

11. He shall work honorarily and be entitled to a fixed T.A. of Rs.100/- and a local allowance of Rs.50/- per mensem.

12. His head-quarters shall be at Koppa.

13. The duties of the Secretary shall consist of general supervision of the Department and control over the employers and the recruiting agencies.

14. The Secretary shall be on tour for at least 15 days in the course of a period of two months for checking the work of the Department and shall - maintain and submit, to the District Committee, notes of his inspection.

15. With the approval and sanction of the Chairman of the District Committ the Secretary shall appoint, suspend, dismiss or otherwise punish the sub- ordinate officials of the Department, subject of course, to appeal to the Government, except in the case of Labour Correspondents whose appointment and suspension or other punishment shall be permissible only after the Government sanction has been obtained. The Secretary may grant small leave on his own authority, to all the subordinate officers, long leaves to be - granted on the approval of the chairman of the Committee.

16. The Secretary, with the approval and sanction of the District Committe shall frame rules for the efficient working of the Department and shall, fro time to time, take or recommend to Government such steps as would tend to keep labour from fluctuations.

17. The Secretary shall have an office establishment consisting of one clerk and a peon.

(a) The clerk shall receive a monthly salary of Rs.30/-, shall look afte all correspondence, shall also be the office accountant in charge of monetary transactions, if any, and shall be responsible for the maintenance, in proper order, of all office records and papers and for the due discharge of all office routine work.

(b) The peon shall receive a pay of Rs.8/- p.m.

18. The clerk and the peon, while accompanying the Secretary on tour, shall receive a T.A. as per scale sanctioned in the M.S.R.

19. The Secretary, shall, as far as possible, conciliate labour and keep labour steady by working the Department on humanitarian principles only, by avoiding coercion and litigation, as far as practicable, by seeing that employers do not cheat or maltreat their coolies and workmen obtained trough the Department, by investigating all cases of complains made by coolies or workmen against their employers, with an eye to the just redress of real grievances, if any,) and by affording housing, medical and educational facilities for labourers and their families in cooperation with the employers on the one hand and the medical and educational authorities on the other.

20. The Secretary shall, with the approval and sanction of the Chairman of the District Committee, have the authority to take legal action (if when and where absolutely inevitable) against absconders, defaulters and malingers on the one side and against cruel or produlent employers on the other.

21. The Secretary shall maintain the following records in his office:--

(a) A current register of papers received and arising in his office.
(b) An acquitance roll.
(c) A tour register.
(d) Notes of inspection.
(e) A punishment register.
(f) A confidential log book.

The Labour Correspondent.

22. The Labour correspondent, whose office shall be located at Udipi shall be entitled to a monthly salary of Rs.150/- and a fixed travelling allowance of Rs.50/- per mensem. He shall be directly accountable to the Honorary Secretary and through him to the District Committee of the Malnad Improvement Scheme for the due discharge of the duties entrusted to him and the various agents and shall have the same status and rank as an Amildar or Tahasildar.

23. He shall be on tour for 20 days in a month and shall inspect the work

of each agency under him at least once in two months. He shall also investigate and report to the District Committee through the Secretary for orders ~~for~~ all complains received by him against the Agents and Maistries.

24. He shall have an office establishment consisting of a Head-clerk, a second clerk, &two peons on Rs.30/-, 20/- and 8/- each respectively p.m.

(a) The head clerk shall look after English correspondence, keep accounts and be generally responsible for the proper maintenance of all office registers, papers etc.

(b) The second clerk shall look to other office work as instructed by the Labour Correspondent.

25. The Labour Correspondent shall, while on tour, be accompanied by one peon only but he may, under exceptional circumstances and as far as possible, with the previous sanction of the Secretary, take a clerk also with him.

26. The Labour Correspondent shall grant only casual leave on emergencies to his subordinates on his own authority but he may grant other kinds of leave in anticipation of sanction by the Secretary.

27. He shall not himself punish any of his subordinates but shall invariably report all cases of delinquencies to the Secretary; but under exceptional circumstances when the retention of a particular subordinate would be prejudicial to the interest of the service, he may temporarily suspend such a subordinate pending the orders of the Chairman of the Committee to whom he shall immediately report through the Secretary, the full details of all the circumstances leading up to the taking of such an extreme step.

28. The Labour Correspondent shall be entrusted with a sum of Rs.2000/- out of the money allotted for the maintenance of the Department, to be deposited ~~at~~ in a Bank or a Cooperative Society at his Head-quarters and to be drawn by him by means of cheques for not more than Rs.200/- at a time, the amount being recouped by means of Bills sanctioned by the Chairman of the Committee before any further amount can be withdrawn. All sums beyond Rs.200/- must be previously sanctioned by the chairman of the Committee, all amounts drawn shall be made good by the end of the month so as maintain the maximum amount in the Bank or the Society for the next month.

29. Another sum of Rs.5,000/- lent by the Government (vide Rule 8 above) shall be at the disposal of the Labour Correspondent to enable the latter to make the neeeesary emergent advances, if any, on behalf of employers of established worth, such amounts being recoverable from them within a few days and accounts being annually adjusted between the Government and the Department.

29. The Labour Correspondent shall prepare the salary and travelling - allowance Bills of himself, his staff, the Agents and Maistries and submit them for audit and sanction to the Chairman of the District Committee - through the Secretary within the 25th of each month, whereupon the Chairman shall audit the same and send to the Labour Correspondent for disbursement the amounts due to him, his staff and his subordinates, so as to be available to them on the first of the month next to that which the Bills relate to and follow a similar process in the case of the Secretary, his staff and the Inspectors.

30. The Labour Correspondent shall maintain the following records in his office.

(a). A current register of papers received and arising in the office.
(b) A day-book of cash and other monetary transactions.
(c) A ledger.
(d) An Acquitance roll.
(e) A register of applications from employers with details.
(f) A register of complains received, filed and forwarded to the District Committee through the Secretary with notes of orders received thereon.
(g) A tour register.
(h) Notes of inspection.
(i) A confidential Log-book.

31. The Labour Correspondent shall, in all cases, correspond with the District Committee through the Secretary only.

~~32.~~ The Agents and Mistries.

32. There shall be three agents for the Taluks of Udipi, Coondapur and Karkal, each to be entitled to a monthly salary of Rs.35/- plus the commission hereinafter to be described.

33. Each agent shall ~~g~~ have under him three maistries on Rs.10/-each plus 75% of the commission at 4% on the amount to be paid to the coolies supplied to each owner, to be distributed among them in proportion to the number of coolies supplied by each of them, the remaining 25% being paid to each Agent.

34. Every Agent shall secure and record all available information about the availability, locality, probable number etc, of surplus coolies and other workmen willing to emigrate from with his jurisdiction.

35. Every Agent shall submit by the fifth of every month a monthly return anant the quantity and sort of labour available within his jurisdiction.

36. Besides canvassing information, regarding the availability etc, of all kinds of labour, the Agents and Maistries shall also be on the look out for run-aways and shall persuade them to return to their work, reporting refractory delinquents to the Labour Correspondent.

37. The Agents and Maistries shall strictly confine themselves to their respective areas, so as to avoid complaints and complications, all such disputes, if any, being decidable by the Labour Correspondent in anticipation of approval by the Secretary of the District Committee.

38. Each Agent shall be ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ required to furnish cash or landed - security to the extent of Rs.500/- which may be reduced or despensed with at the descretion of the Secretary with the approval and sanction of the Chairman of the Committee.

39. Each Agent shall be entrusted with a sum of Rs.100/- as imprest - amount for making advances to employers of repute in cases of emergency. He shall maintain a detailed account of all such cash transactions and recoupe the expended amounts at the end of every month by means of Bills submitted to the Chairman of the Committee through the Secretary, amounts above Rs.100/- invariably requiring the previous sanction of the Labour - Correspondent on sufficient cause being shown, (subject of course to the vito of the Chairman of the District Committee and the Secretary).

40. The Agents shall, on receipt of application from employers, whether directly or through their superiors find out those willing to go and put them in contact with the employers or their Agents or Maistries.

41. The Agents shall promptly, without partiality but in order of priority of receipt of registration, attend to all applications received from employers and return the same to the labour Correspondent with an endorsement as to the manner of disposal thereof.

42. The terms of contract shall be settled by the Agents, (not to exceed two years in the case of skilled and ten months in the case of unskilled labour) and the contract bonds shall be drawn up in the presence of the - Agents in the name of the Malnad Labour Bureau, so as to facilitate legal proceedure (to be resorted to only when moral persuation fails) both Britis and Mysore stamp papers being used (the Government of India being moved ~~x~~ on the subject, if necessary) and the cost of the stamps being shared by executant and the executee, to both of whom copies only of the contract - bonds will be furnished, the originals being forwarded to and filed by the Labour Correspondent in his Office.

43. The amount of advance, if any, payable per cooly shall be settled and paid in the presence of the Agent but shall not exceed one-fifth of the total wages for the period of the contract.

N.B. Advances from the Departmental funds shbuld always, however, be

discouraged and kept within the strictest limits practicable.

44. The Agents shall obtain the signatures or thumb impressions of the executants not only on the contract bonds but also in the registers of advances in token of payment.

45. Every Agent shall maintain a reguelar accounts of the amounts of commission realised or pending collection and shall submit to the labour Correspondent a monthly statement of collections, arrears and disbursements.

46. The Agents and Maistries shall not help to enlist persons under 12 years of age and in case of minors, they shall obtain surity bonds from their guardians to whom and over whose signature only, advances (if any) shall be payable on their behalf.

47. The Agents and Maistries shall not, under any circumstances, retain coolies or other workmen on their own hands in anticipation of finding work or advances for them. They shall not hold out false promises or undue hopes, nor use threats or coersion for enlisting labourers. On the other hand, they should clearly explain to them the nature, hours and other details of the work as well as the wages, rations and other sundries payable to them and also see the same clearly entered in the contract bonds before these or signed and advances paid.

48. Every Agent shall maintain the following records in his office :-

(a) A register of papers received and arising in his office.
(b) A register of details regarding available labour within his jurisdiction.
(c) A register of applications received from employers with details
(d) A register of names and addresses of workmen engaged through hi with details of the contract.
(e) A register of advances paid.
(f) A register of complaints, received and forwarded with notes of orders received thereon.
(g) The wages memorandum noting prevailing local rates for all kinds of labour.

Labour Inspectors.

9. There shall be two Labour Inspectors, one for each of the Taluks of oppa and Tirthahalli, each receiving a monthly salary of Rs.40/- plus fixed cycle allowance of Rs.10/-

0. Every Inspector shall be on tour for 20 days in the month for visiting the employers, inspecting their accounts and making enquiries regarding the housing, rations, wages, treatment and general well-being of coolies and workmen. For this purpose, the Inspectors shall be furnished with a list of employers that have recruited labour through the Department, the number, names and other details of coolies etc, under them, the nature of the work assigned to such labourers and such other details as will help the Inspectors to see whether the employers abide by the terms of their contract. They shall hear complaints from coolies or the employers or both, as regards mal-treatment and malingering, investigate the same thoroughly, settle them amicably as far as possible and report to the Secretary for necessary action, all intractable cases incapable of peaceable settlement otherwise.

51. The Inspectors shall, wherever and as far as possible, frame and bring before the District Committee suitable schemes for medical and educational facilities for labourers and their families.

52. Every Inspector shall keep a daily dairy of his work and send the same to the Secretary for submission to the Chairman of the District Committee punctually every month.

Employers and Labourers.

53. Such employers of labour, as require the aid of the Department for

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securing labourers shall apply, verbally or in writing, in person or by proxy to the Labour Correspondent or the nearest Agent with an earnest money deposit of Rupee one per cooly required plues the usual commission.

54. The application shall also be made at least two months before the labourers are actually required, i.e, generally in the last week of May and shall specify the nature of the work and all other pertinent details so as to facilitate prompt and successful canvassing of the desired sort of labour to the extent required.

55. The applications with the deposit etc, received by the Labour Correspondent shall be forwarded to the Agent or Agents from whose jurisdiction it would be easiest for the applicant to take his coolies home. Applications received directly by the Agents themselves shall however be communicated to the labour correspondent for enabling the latter to send details of such requirements to the other Agents, if the Agent nearest and most convenient to the applicant, fails to comply with his requisition or is unable to meet the full demand, any other Agent or Agents likely, in the labour Correspondent descretion to meet the demand, shall be required to help such applicants.

56. Employers must however distinctly understand that the Department per se undertakes no recruiting work and that they should send their own men to recruit the necessary labour with the help of the Department, making also their own arrangements for taking the coolies home, thus secured.

57. The employers shall pay in cash the amounts of commission and advances due, but small sums may be advanced by the Department to make good any unexpected deficit under exceptional circumstances only and to applicants of established respectability only.

58. The amounts originally deposited with the applications shall be returned or given credit for when the employers have fulfilled their part of the contract with the Department and the contract bonds are signed.

59. Each employer shall, on reaching his place with his labourers, supply each of them with a kambly costing a rupee or a few annas more.

60. The employers shall provide the labourers with healthy quarters to live in.

61. The employers shall give the labourers sufficient rice, salt, tamarind, chillies, etc, unless the contract stipulates cash payments only, for the whole wages.

62. The employers shall, in cases of illness, give the labourers three days' rations free of charge and help them to obtain medical relief or to make other arrangements for their work.

63. The employers shall keep back a fifth of the monthly wages towards the recoupment of their advance, if any. All the sundries required for the daily use of the coolies such as rice, dhaul, salt, tamarind, chillies, plantains and other vegetables, betel, tobacco etc, being provided by the employers according to the existing custom, it would be prejudicial to the interests of the labourers themselves to give them any cash out of their dues at the end of a month or two as any occassional cash coming into their hands would probably be wasted or ill-spent on drink and other pernicious practices. It is therefore desirable that the accounts of coolies engaged through the Department should be settled once in a quarter, preferably in the presence of the local Labour Inspector and the amounts due to them should be remitted to their homes or deposited, if so preferred, in the Government Savings Bank in the name of the coolies themselves, to be withdrawn by them when they leave home-ward.

64. Coolies and workmen remaining on an estate for the full period of contract and working out their advances shall, as an encouragement and in recognition of their integrity, receive from their employers a 5% bonus on the value of the work turned out by them, the amount being equally distributed amongst all such labourers on the estate.

65. The employers shall maintain an account of the work done by each cooly, disbursements made and balances due, if any.

66. The employers should bear in mind that the purpose of the Department is to turn as many emigrants as possible into permanent settlers and thus permanently solve the Malnad Labour problem. To attain this object and to do away with the services of the Department as early as possible, employers should heartily cooperate with the Department in conciliating and attracting labour by means of housing, medical, educational and other facilities.

67. Employers found ill-treating or cheating their labourers shall be strictly refused the supply of coolies thenceforward, while in extreme cases of beating etc, information shall be sent to the Secretary who shall cause enquiries to be instituted and shall, with the approval and sanction of the Chairman of the District Committee, take such legal steps as may be found absolutely indispensable.

68. Similarly, in the case of coolies absconding from one employer to another or to their native places, the facts will be reported to the local Labour Inspector or the Labour Correspondent respectively, who shall take such legal action as the Secretary, with the approval and sanction of the Chairman of the District Committee, may advise and authorise. But in cases where labourers remain on the estate but malinger, the employers shall keep an account of such lapses and be entitled to deduct proportionate wages.

69. Employers shall allow their accounts to be examined by the officers of the Department and cooperate with them in their endeavours to strictly enforce the terms of the contract on both the parties.

Service Rules.

70. The Department shall be purely temporary and no office or appointment shall be pensionable; but the Government shall however recognise any exceptional good work done by individual officers, by means of gratuities payable at their retirement.

71. Officers already in services and posted to this Department will, of course be subject to the usual pension and the service rules of the Mysore Service.

72. Officers and members of the staff shall be entitled to six and two months notice respectively before their services can be terminated.

73. The Agents maistries etc, shall not receive gratuity of any kind, whatsoever, from the contracting parties beyond the sanctioned commission rates from the employers. All and any remineration otherwise accepted shall be treated and punished as bribary and extortion.

74. It is to be plainly understood and must be clearly impressed on all the members in the service of the Malnad Labour Bureau that the Bureau undertakes no recruit of any sort, that its sole purpose is to assist the employers in recruiting labour, to minimise the Kanganies' evil influences, that might have hitherto lead to the demoralisation of the labour force and at the same time, by proper control over both the employers and the recruiting agency, to vigilently safe-guarding the interests of both and that it will be the bounden duty of all members in this service to hold the balance firmly and evenly between the two.

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Proposition Statement.

I. (1)	A Non-official Honorary Secretary pay nil. Fixed T.A.Rs.100/- L.A. Rs.50/- per mensem.	Rs.150	Rs. 188 x 12 = Rs. 2256
(2)	One clerk on Rs.30/- p.m. -------	" 38	
(3)	One peon " 8/- " -------		
II. (1)	Two Labour Inspectors, each on pay of Rs.40/- plus a cycle allowance of Rs.10/- p.m.(40+10)x2 =	" 100	Rs. 100 x 12 = Rs. 1200
III. (1)	One Labour Correspondent, pay Rs.150/- plus fixed T.A. of Rs.50		
(2)	One Head Clerk on Rs.30/- p.m.	" 266	Rs. 266 x 12 = Rs. 3192
(3)	One Second clerk on Rs.20/-p.m.		
(4)	Two peons on Rs.8/- each p.m.		
IV. (1)	Three Labour Agents, each on Rs.35/- plus 25% of the commission at 4% on the amount paid to the coolies supplied to each owner.	" 195	Rs. 195 x 12 = Rs. 2340
(2)	Nine Maistries on Rs.10/- each plus the remaining 75% of the commission.		
V.	Contingencies. (a) For the Non-Official Secretary's office etc. Rs.30/-	" 60	Rs. 60 x 12 = Rs. 720
	(b) Labour Correspondent's office Rs.30/-		
VI.	Office rent etc, for both the Offices Rs.20/-	" 20	Rs. 20 x 12 = Rs. 240
		Grand total	Rs. 9948
		round figures.	Rs.10,000

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Hosakoppa Krishna Rao
Land-Holder.

Hosakoppa P. O. (Koppa-Kadur)

Dated 30th March 1919.

No. 387
Enc 3. (1 Copy of letter to the Chief Secretary
(2 Draft Rules and Regulations
(3 Proposition Statement.

1st April
D. No. 14851.

To

A. R. Banerjee Esquire., M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E.,
Acting Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

DEWAN'S BUREAU
Date of Receipt 4.4.19
Petn. Regr. No 73

Dear Sir,

I beg permission to enclose herein copy of my letter dated the 30th March 1919, to the Chief Secretary to Government offering certain modest changes in the sanctioned Scheme for the supply of labour to Malnad, together with a copy of the draft Rules and Regulations of the Labour Bureau and of the proposition Statement of costs as proposed by me, in modification of the Government Scheme.

As the enclosures will eloquently speak for themselves, I need not try your patience with a narration of facts connected with a problem of far-reaching consequences and only I would commend and respectfully urge the introduction of a few important but modest changes in the sanctioned Scheme, as detailed in my letter to the Chief Secretary.

I may be permitted to say, emphatically, one word about the paramount need for the entrusting of the management of the whole Scheme to one single individual and making him responsible to the District Committee for his actions in that behalf. This is an important matter, which will, if sympathetically understood and acted accordingly, lead to the practical benefit to those to whom it is meant and to which I respectfully invite your pointed attention.

Since it is due to your keen interest in Malnad affairs, that this problem of problems of the Malnad has received such attention as it deserved at the hands of the Government, I venture to place this all-important matter in detail, once again, before you, sir, with the full hope and trust that you will help us in practically overcoming this most obstacle to our economic progress. Your regime and your name will ever remain immortalised in the history of the Malnad.

I now beg that the changes, as proposed by me in my letter to the Chief Secretary, will be introduced and necessary orders issued

Land-Holder.

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as early as possible, to put the proposed Labour Sphere into -
successful operation for the practical benefit of both the employer
and the employees.

Hoping to be excused for the liberty I have been unavoid-
ably compelled to take, to inflict this letter with lengthy enclosures
on you and &x thanking you in grateful anticipation of your kind
approval towards my revised scheme.

With best regards

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

Krishna Rao

Free copy".

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No — Encl 2 (1 Draft Rules & Regulations and a Proposition Statement)

30th March — 1919.
1st April

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer Esquire, B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of H.H.the Maharaja,

Bangalore.

With reference to G.O. No. 20308-13 San. 80-16-15 dated the 10th March 1919, re: the creation of a Labour Recruiting Agency - for the supply of labour to Malnad, of which a copy has been sent to me for opinion, I beg to submit that while feeling grateful - for the consideration bestowed thereon by our benign Government, I cannot shut my eyes to several defects which exist in the ----- Scheme and which need rectification. The Scheme is still not ~~not~~ quite satisfactory and needs the following modifications -- which are suggested in the light of public opinion prevailing in areas which the operation of the proposed labour scheme is likely to affect.

I am deeply indebted and all the malnad people should be, to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja, for upholding the - basic principle of my labour scheme, as expressed in paragraph - 3 (sub para 6) of the G.O. under reference, I need hardly say th that no scheme, however costly and eloberate, would succeed if it fails to carry out in practice the principles laid down therein. The present Scheme, though good and satisfactory otherwise, does still require a few modifications to put it in a practical -- working basis and to ensure success and continuity.

The Organisation as or to be sanctioned is at best a poor -- copy pf the U.P.A.S.I. which solely for want of efficient control over employers and recruiting staff is not successful, in spite of the liberal praise bestowed thereon by their votaries. The European Coffee planters were, for along time, of the opinion that the labour problem required no Government assistance for solution and that the whole matter was one for private initiati But of late, they too have found out that without Government --

control of employers and agencies, there is no chance of success for any Scheme. The Sub-Committee of the Kurnegal (Ceylon) Planters' Association to consider the report of the Ceylon -- Government Labour Commission with Col. T. Y. Wright, as its chairman has unhesitatingly approved of the suggestion of the latter to institute Government control over employers and recruiting Agencies. Here is an extract from the report of the Sub-Committee to which I beg respectfully to draw pointed attention of Government:--

> " We, as the Sub-Committee, appointed by the Kurnegal Planters' Association, to consider this report ~~are~~ generally in favour of the findings of the commission and unanimously approve of the formation of a Government - Labour Department and taking over of the working of the Coast agency by that Department, both because it will tend to bring all employers of labour under control and assist recruiting and obviate the danger of opposition by Indian Government ..... "

There is now an awakening on the part of the labouring classes all the world over and an incessant warfare is going on between labour and employers, resulting in strikes of various sorts. This is mainly due to all legislation regarding employment of labour being in favour of the employer and the total over-looking of the labour interest. While, even the European planting Community found it impossible to ~~entrust~~ the smooth - working of the labour Schemes to the good sense of the employers, it is too musch to expect willing cooperation of ignorant Malnad ryot in respect of treatment of coolies. The tendency of employers over the whole world is to exact maximum of work at minimum cost. This is human nature. Since the European Planting Community itself ascribes failure of all its Schemes to want of control over employers, it ~~x~~ is not safe for us to start experimenting on lines abandoned by them, as hopelessly unworkable.

Apart from the work done by me in the early stages of my investigation, I have been to South Canara, since receipt -

of the G.O. under reference to consult public opinion in respect of the Government Scheme. I have consulted several prominent - gentlemen, land-owners, merchants, Pleaders and persons of other professions. The opinion of a very large majority is in favour of Government control of both employers and recruiting agencies.

It is not also our purpose to attract by all and every means, as much labour as possible and do the most of it. We - should have a nobler aim that of conciliating labour to make it steady, less shifting and to convert imported labour into indeginous labour. To accomplish this purpose, to infuse confidence in the public mind and to secure the hearty cooperation of the people in recruiting areas, the whole Scheme has to be worked on humanitarian principle with an equal eye to the interests of the employers as well as those of the employees.

Although I am still of the firm conviction that my Scheme as finally submitted, is the irreducible minimum and nothing short of that would adequately satisfy public demands, in the view that the Government desires to make an experiment in the first instance and cannot afford to invest large funds on the working of a -- scheme of which the success cannot be guaged until put to practice, I shall ~~show~~ so for climb down from a financial point of view, as to introduce a few modest changes.

If, by any means, it is not possible for Government to take over the control, I would suggest that the Kadur District Committee of the Malnad Improvement Scheme, instead of the Shimoga District Committee, may be put in charge of the proposed Labour Department. It is Koppa Taluq that suffer most from scarcity of labour, whereas Tirthahalli lie adjacent to South Canara from where they more -- easily obtain labour. The Kadur District is more inland, besides there being a large number of Indian and European Coffee Planters who engage very large number of coolies. Tirthahalli Taluq, for the matter of that the whole District of Shimoga, has practically no coffee plantations and consequently less competition.

As it is, the working ~~working~~ of the scheme is entrusted to a -

Committee. But the entrusting of the management to a Committee is tantamount to entrusting to nobody. The Committee as a Committee has no physical existence and its responsibilities are more abstract than real. As the Department is a new one, very - likely to meet with competition, the services of a whole-time -- officer wolud be invaluable and absolutely necessary. Since Government is not prepared to appoint an officer of its own, it is suggested that an honarary non-official Secretary may be appinted to work with the Kadur District Committee, so that some one may be held - responsible for the proper working of the proposed labour Bureau.

In modification of the Government Scheme and in the light of the above remarks, I would propose the following arrangements:--

1. A non-official Honorary Secretary to be selected from among th members of the proposed Advisory Board, with a fixed T.A.of Rs.100/- and a local allowance of Rs.50/-, with one clerk on Rs. 30/- per mensem and a peon on a monthly pay of Rs.8/-

   (Head quarters to be Koppa)

2. Two Labour Inspectors on a monthly pay of Rs.40/- each with a fixed cycle allowance of Rs.10 per mensem, one for each of the Taluqs of Koppa and Tirthahalli.

   (to protect cooly interests).

3. One labour Correspondant or Deputy Director at Udipi on a monthly pay of Rs.150/- plus a fixed T.A. of Rs.50/- P.M with one head clerk or Accountant on monthly pay of Rs.36/- and one Second clerk on a monthly pay of Rs.20/- and two peons on a monthly pay of Rs.8/- each.

4. Three labour Agents on a monthly pay of Rs.35/- each plus - 25% of the commission, the latter payable by the employers (as explained in the appended detailed Scheme of Rules and Regulations)

5. Nine Maistries at the rate of three for each Agent, each on a monthly pay of Rs.10/- plus the remaining 75% of the Commission.

It is only some such sort of a Scheme that would satisfy public demands. It is neither to the interest of the employers nor to that of Government to waste, though only for two years, a few - thousands of rupees on a Scheme which judging by the precedence of other similar, if not better, ones, is not destined to succeed.

I would also recommend that the experimental period may be extended from two to three years. The first year would be taken up in organisation and the second in the popularising of the Department.

Consequently, one more year's time would be required to test the success or otherwise of the Department.

The Shimoga District Committee, whose Scheme has been adopted by Government with a few or no modifications ought ~~to~~ not to have excluded wet lands from consideration in the matter of labour supply. The abnormal shortage of food stuffs and the necessity to increase production thereof by extended cultivation has proved the higher economic value of wet lands than that of bagayats. Wet lands ought to be included within the operations of the labour Scheme. This aspect of the case, along with the other points, was made clear to the said Committee, both at meetings and through correspondence. But the Committee, I regret to note, did not attach due weight to them. The Scheme, as formulated by the Secretary, Central Committee, is quite against the public opinion, although it may be said to have the advantage of having been discussed at a meeting of the Central Committee of which not a single member was and even today is the Malnad Land-owner.

As regards the finance, it is proposed to levy a cess or some sort of contribution from the land-owners for a moity of the cost, the other half being met out of the surplus of the Supari Cess. This arrangement ~~could~~ would work considerable hardship on the people. So far at least as Koppa Taluq is concerned, the number of persons owning lands is very small, so much so that they can be counted on one's fingers. The majority or tenants. I do not think that conditions in Tirthahalli Taluq are in any way better. Under the proposed arrangements either the few land-owners would have to bear the whole burden without any compensating gain or the poor tenants saddled with extra cost which, what with the rack rent they have to pay and the increased cost of living they cannot very well afford to bear. There are the accumulations of the Supari Cess which is Malnad money and rightly belongs to the Malnad people who have a claim thereto. It is therefore humbly suggested that the whole cost of the organisation be met by Government out of the Supari Cess. It is being urged for a long time that the supari cess should be

abolished as it has proved an extra burden on the already poor people of Malnad. It is therefore to be earnestly hoped that the benign Government of His Highness the Maharaja will kindly devote the surplus thereof to this eminently practical and emergently pressing need of the hour, in the Malnad.

Finally, with regard to the personel of the proposed labour Bureau:-- The proposed advisory Board should have on it two persons from South Canara to represent labour interests. The non-official Secretary to be appointed as a full-time officer of the Labour Bureau and the two Labour Inspectors should be local men.

So as to secure the attendance of the South Canara members and to study public opinion in the recruiting area, the Committee should hold at least one meeting in a year in South Canara. Out of the remaining five meetings, 2 should be held at Koppa, one in Tirthahalli and two, wherever convenient.

The whole staff in the recruiting area, not excluding the labour correspondent should be recruited from among able, intelligent, influential and honest men in South Canara, as strangers cannot command for at least a few years in the begining, that amount of confidence and influence as are desirable to make the Scheme work successfully. With this idea and in consultation with several gentlemen in South Canara, I have cut down the pay of the correspondent to Rs.150/- from Rs.200/- and deleted the local allowance of Rs.50/-. A consolidated sum of Rs.200/- per mensem would be ample enough for a local person.

During the recent visit of the Acting Dewan, Mr.A.R.Banerjee I.C.S., C.I.E., to Hosakoppa, the question of finance, control etc, of the proposed labour Scheme was at length discussed and the Dewan Saheb promised to send the Scheme for my opinion and suggestions before finally sanctioning it. Consequently, I have submitted the above after mature consideration and on consulting public opinion and I earnestly hope and pray that they will receive due consideration at the hands of Government.

MALNAD LABOUR BUREAU.

Draft Rules and Regulations for its working.

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1. The Bureau shall be called the Malnad Labour Bureau of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

2. Its operations will, for the present, be limited to the supply of labour to Koppa and Tirthahalli Taluqs.

3. It shall be temporary for a period of three years, continuation thereof and its further extension to other parts of Malnad depending on the success of its working.

4. The Bureau shall consist, for the time being, of the following executive officers:--

(a) One Non-official Honorary Secretary subject to the control of the Kadur District Committee of the Malnad Improvement Scheme assisted by an Advisory Board consisting of ten members elected from among the land-owners who are members of the Department.

(b) One Labour Correspondent.

(c) Three Labour Agents.

(d) Nine Maistries.

(e) Two Labour Inspectors.

5. Kadur District Committee.

5. The Committee assisted by the Advisory Board shall be responsible to the Government for the proper working of the Department and shall exercise general control and supervision thereon.

6. The Deputy Commissioner who is the Chairman of the Committee shall reserve powers to himself to dispose of all matters of routine work requiring immediate consideration, such as the passing for payment of pay Bills and T,A. and contingent Bills etc.

7. The District Committee shall, at its meetings to be held once in two months for transacting bussiness, dispose of and consider all subjects leading to the successful working of the Department, brought before it for consideration by the Chairman of the Committee, the Honorary Secretary and the members of the Advisory Board and the decision of the majority of the Committee shall be deemed to be the opinion of the Committee.

8. The District Committee shall apply annually a sum of Rupees 10,000/- towards the maintenance of the Department and shall also receive a loan of Rs.5,000/- from Government for making advances (as hereinafter explained

9. It shall be open to the Committee to invite, whenever necessary, public opinion, in and outside the Province, in respect of increase of wages and Regulation of payments to the coolies and of any other measures leading to the smooth and successful working of the Department.

10. The Non-Official Honorary Secretary.

The Secretary shall act as the chief Executive officer of the Department under the direction of the District Committee.

11. He shall work honorarily and be entitled to a fixed T.A. of Rs.100/- and a local allowance of Rs.50/- per mensem.

12. His head-quarters shall be at Koppa.

13. The duties of the Secretary shall consist of general supervision of the Department and control over the employers and the recruiting agencies.

14. The Secretary shall be on tour for at least 15 days in the course of a period of two months for checking the work of the Department and shall - maintain and submit, to the District Committee, notes of his inspection.

15. With the approval and sanction of the Chairman of the District Committee, the Secretary shall appoint, suspend, dismiss or otherwise punish the subordinate officials of the Department, subject of course, to appeal to the Government, except in the case of Labour Correspondents whose appointment and suspension or other punishment shall be permissible only after the Government sanction has been obtained. The Secretary may grant small leave on his own authority, to all the subordinate officers, long leaves to be - granted on the approval of the chairman of the Committee.

16. The Secretary, with the approval and sanction of the District Committee shall frame rules for the efficient working of the Department and shall, from time to time, take or recommend to Government such steps as would tend to keep labour from fluctuations.

17. The Secretary shall have an office establishment consisting of one clerk and a peon.

(a) The clerk shall receive a monthly salary of Rs.30/-, shall look after all correspondence, shall also be the office accountant in charge of monetary transactions, if any, and shall be responsible for the maintenance, in proper order of all office records and papers and for the due discharge of all office routine work.

(b) The peon shall receive a pay of Rs.8/- p.m.

18. The clerk and the peon, while accompanying the Secretary on tour, shall receive a T.A. as per scale sanctioned in the M.S.R.

19. The Secretary, shall, as far as possible, conciliate labour and keep labour steady by working the Department on humanitarian principles only, by avoiding coercion and litigation, as far as practicable, by seeing that employers do not cheat or maltreat their coolies and workmen obtained trough the Department, by investigating all cases of complains made by coolies or workmen against their employers, with an eye to the just redress of real grievances, if any,) and by affording housing, medical and educational facilities for labourers and their families in cooperation with the employers on the one hand and the medical and educational authorities on the other.

20. The Secretary shall, with the approval and sanction of the Chairman of the District Committee, have the authority to take legal action (if when and where absolutely inevitable) against absconders, defaulters and malingerers on the one side and against cruel or produlent employers on the other.

21. The Secretary shall maintain the following records in his office:--

(a) A current register of papers received and arising in his office.
(b) An acquitance roll.
(c) A tour register.
(d) Notes of inspection.
(e) A punishment register.
(f) A confidential log book.

The Labour Correspondent.

22. The Labour correspondent, whose office shall be located at Udipi shall be entitled to a monthly salary of Rs.150/- and a fixed travelling allowance of Rs.50/- per mensem. He shall be directly accountable to the Honorary Secretary and through him to the District Committee of the Malnad Improvement Scheme for the due discharge of the duties entrusted to him and the various agents and shall have the same status and rank as an Amildar or Tahasildar.

23. He shall be on tour for 20 days in a month and shall inspect the work

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of each agency under him at least once in two months. He shall also investigate and report to the District Committee through the Secretary for orders ~~xxx~~ all complaints received by him against the Agents and Maistries.

24. He shall have an office establishment consisting of a Head-clerk, a second clerk, &two peons on Rs.30/-, 20/- and 8/- each, respectively p.m.

(a) The head clerk shall look after English correspondence, keep account and be generally responsible for the proper maintenance of all office registers, papers etc.

(b) The second clerk shall look to other office work as instructed by the Labour Correspondent.

25. The Labour Correspondent shall, while on tour, be accompanied by one peon only but he may, under exceptional circumstances and as far as possible, with the previous sanction of the Secretary, take a clerk also with him.

26. The Labour Correspondent shall grant only casual leave on emergencies to his subordinates on his own authority but he may grant other kinds of leave in anticipation of sanction by the Secretary.

27. He shall not himself punish any of his subordinates but shall invariably report all cases of delinquencies to the Secretary: but under exceptional circumstances when the retention of a particular subordinate would be prejudicial to the interest of the service, he may temporarily suspend such a subordinate pending the orders of the Chairman of the Committee to whom he shall immediately report through the Secretary, the full details of all the circumstances leading up to the taking of such an extreme step.

28. The Labour Correspondent shall be entrusted with a sum of Rs.2000/- out of the money allotted for the maintenance of the Department, to be deposited ~~xx~~ in a Bank or a Cooperative Society at his Head-quarters and to be drawn by him by means of cheques for not more than Rs.200/- at a time, the amount being recouped by means of Bills sanctioned by the Chairman of the Committee before any further amount can be withdrawn. All sums beyond Rs.200/- must be previously sanctioned by the chairman of the Committee, all amounts drawn shall be made good by the end of the month so as maintain the maximum amount in the Bank or the Society for the next month.

29. Another sum of Rs.5,000/- lent by the Government (vide Rule 8 above) shall be at the disposal of the Labour Correspondent to enable the latter to make the neeessary emergent advances, if any, on behalf of employers of established worth, such amounts being recoverable from them within a few days and accounts being annually adjusted between the Government and the Department.

29. The Labour Correspondent shall prepare the salary and travelling - allowance Bills of himself, his staff, the Agents and Maistries and submit them for audit and sanction to the Chairman of the District Committee - through the Secretary within the 25th of each month, whereupon the Chairman shall audit the same and send to the Labour Correspondent for disbursement the amounts due to him, his staff and his subordinates, so as to be available to them on the first of the month next to that which the Bills relate to, and follow a similar process in the case of the Secretary, his staff and the Inspectors.

30. The Labour Correspondent shall maintain the following records in his office.

(a) A current register of papers received and arising in the office.
(b) A day-book of cash and other monetary transactions.
(c) A ledger.
(d) An Acquitance roll.
(e) A register of applications from employers with details.
(f) A register of complains received, filed and forwarded to the District Committee through the Secretary with notes of orders received thereon.
(g) A tour register.
(h) Notes of inspection.
(i) A confidential Log-book.

31. The Labour Correspondent shall, in all cases, correspond with the District Committee through the Secretary only.

32. The Agents and Mistries.

32. There shall be three agents for the Taluks of Udipi, Coondapur and Karkal, each to be entitled to a monthly salary of Rs.35/- plus the commission hereinafter to be described.

33. Each agent shall ~~x~~ have, under him, three maistries on Rs.10/-each plus 75% of the commission at 4% on the amount to be paid to the coolies supplied to each owner, to be distributed among them in proportion to the number of coolies supplied by each of them, the remaining 25% being paid to each Agent.

34. Every Agent shall secure and record all available information about the availability, locality, probable number etc, of surplus coolies and other workmen willing to emigrate from within his jurisdiction.

35. Every Agent shall submit by the fifth of every month a monthly return anant the quantity and sort of labour available within his jurisdiction.

36. Besides canvassing information, regarding the availability etc, of all kinds of labour, the Agents and Maistries shall also be on the look out for run-aways and shall persuade them to return to their work, reporting refractory delinquents to the Labour Correspondent.

37. The Agents and Maistries shall strictly confine themselves to their respective areas, so as to avoid complaints and complications, all such disputes, if any, being decidable by the Labour Correspondent in anticipation of approval by the Secretary of the District Committee.

38. Each Agent shall be ~~entrusted~~ required to furnish cash or landed - security to the extent of Rs.500/-.which may be reduced or despensed with at the descretion of the Secretary with the approval and sanction of the Chairman of the Committee.

39. Each Agent shall be entrusted with a sum of Rs.100/- as imprest - amount for making advances to employers of repute in cases of emergency. He shall maintain a detailed account of all such cash transactions and recoupe the expended amounts at the end of every month by means of Bills submitted to the Chairman of the Committee through the Secretary, amounts above Rs.100/- invariably requiring the previous sanction of the Labour - Correspondent on sufficient cause being shown, (subject of course to the vito of the Chairman of the District Committee and the Secretary).

40. The Agents shall, on receipt of application from employers, whether directly or through their superiors find out those willing to go and put them in contact with the employers or their Agents or Maistries.

41. The Agents shall promptly, without partiality but in order of priority of receipt of registration, attend to all applications received from employers and return the same to the labour Correspondent with an endorsement as to the manner of disposal thereof.

42. The terms of contract shall be settled by the Agents, (not to exceed two years in the case of skilled and ten months in the case of unskilled labour) and the contract bonds shall be drawn up in the presence of the - Agents in the name of the Malnad Labour Bureau, so as to facilitate legal proceedure (to be resorted to only when moral persuation fails) both British and Mysore stamp papers being used (the Government of India being moved ~~x~~ on the subject, if necessary) and the cost of the stamps being shared by executant and the executee, to both of whom copies only of the contract - bonds will be furnished, the originals being forwarded to and filed by the Labour Correspondent in his Office.

43. The amount of advance, if any, payable per cooly shall be settled and paid in the presence of the Agent but shall not exceed one-fifth of the total wages for the period of the contract.

N.B. Advances from the Departmental funds shbuld always, however, be

discouraged and kept within the strictest limits practicable.

44. The Agents shall obtain the signatures or thumb impressions of the executants not only on the contract bonds but also in the registers of advances in token of payment.

45. Every Agent shall maintain a regueler accounts of the amounts of commission realised or pending collection and shall submit to the labour Correspondent a monthly statement of collections, arrears and disbursements.

46. The Agents and Maistries shall not help to enlist persons under - 12 years of age and in case of minors, they shall obtain surity bonds from their guardians to whom and over whose signature only, advances (if any) shall be payable on their behalf.

47. The Agents and Maistries shall not, under any circumstances, retain coolies or other workmen on their own hands in anticipation of finding work or advances for them. They shall not hold out false promises or undue hopes, nor use threats or coersion for enlisting labourers. On the other hand, they should clearly explain to them the nature, hours and - other details of the work as well as the wages, rations and other sundries payable to them and also see the same clearly entered in the contract bonds before these or signed and advances paid.

48. Every Agent shall maintain the following records in his office :-

(a) A register of papers received and arising in his office.
(b) A register of details regarding available labour within his jurisdiction.
(c) A register of applications received from employers with details.
(d) A register of names and addresses of workmen engaged through him with details of the contract.
(e) A register of advances paid.
(f) A register of complaints, received and forwarded with notes of orders received thereon.
(g) The wages memorandum noting prevailing local rates for all kinds of labour.

Labour Inspectors.

49. There shall be two Labour Inspectors, one for each of the Taluks of Koppa and Tirthahalli, each receiving a monthly salary of Rs.40/- plus a fixed cycle allowance of Rs.10/-

50. Every Inspector shall be on tour for 20 days in the month for visiting the employers, inspecting their accounts and making enquiries regarding the housing, rations, wages, treatment and general well-being of coolies and workmen. For this purpose, the Inspectors shall be furnished with a list of employers that have recruited labour through the Department, the number, names and other details of coolies etc, under them, the nature of the work assigned to such labourers and such other details as will help the Inspectors to see whether the employers abide by the terms of their contract. They shall hear complaints from coolies or the employers or both, as regards mal-treatment and malingering, investigate the same thoroughly, settle them amicably as far as possible and report to the Secretary for necessary action, all intractable cases incapable of peaceable settlement otherwise.

51. The Inspectors shall, wherever and as far as possible, frame and bring before the District Committee suitable schemes for medical and educational facilities for labourers and their families.

52. Every Inspector shall keep a daily dairy of his work and send the same to the Secretary for submission to the Chairman of the District Committee punctually every month.

Employers and Labourers.

53. Such employers of labour, as require the aid of the Department for

securing labourers shall apply, verbally or in writing, in person or by proxy to the Labour Correspondent or the nearest Agent with an earnest money deposit of Rupee one per cooly required plues the usual commission.

54. The application shall also be made at least two months before the labourers are actually required, i.e, generally in the last week of May and shall specify the nature of the work and all other pertinent details so as to facilitate prompt and successful canvassing of the desired sort of labour to the extent required.

55. The applications with the deposit etc, received by the labour Correspondent shall be forwarded to the Agent or Agents from whose jurisdiction it would be easiest for the applicant to take his coolies home. Applications received directly by the Agents themselves shall however be communicated to the labour correspondent for enabling the latter to send details of such requirements to the other Agents, if the Agent nearest and most convenient to the applicant, fails to comply with his requisition or is unable to meet the full demand, any other Agent or Agents likely, in the Labour Correspondent descretion to meet the demand, shall be required to help such applicants.

56. Employers must however distinctly understand that the Department per se undertakes no recruiting work and that they should send their own men to recruit the necessary labour with the help of the Department, making also their own arrangements for taking the coolies home, thus secured.

57. The employers shall pay in cash the amounts of commission and advances due, but small sums may be advanced by the Department to make good any unexpected deficit under exceptional circumstances only and to applicants of established respectability only.

58. The amounts originally deposited with the applications shall be returned or given credit for, when the employers have fulfilled their part of the contract with the Department and the contract bonds are signed.

59. Each employer shall, on reaching his place with his labourers, supply each of them with a kambly costing a rupee or a few annas more.

60. The employers shall provide the labourers with healthy quarters to live in.

61. The employers shall give the labourers sufficient rice, salt, tamarind, chillies, etc, unless the contract stipulates cash payments only, for the whole wages.

62. The employers shall, in cases of illness, give the labourers three days' rations free of charge and help them to obtain medical relief or to make other arrangements for their work.

63. The employers shall keep back a fifth of the monthly wages towards the recoupment of their advance, if any. All the sundries required for the daily use of the coolies such as rice, dhaul, salt, tamarind, chillies, plantains and other vegetables, betel, tobacco etc, being provided by the employers according to the existing custom, it would be prejudicial to the interests of the labourers themselves to give them any cash out of their dues at the end of a month or two as any occassional cash coming into their hands would probably be wasted or ill-spent on drink and other pernicious practices. It is therefore desirable that the accounts of coolies engaged through the Department should be settled once in a quarter, preferably in the presence of the local Labour Inspector and the amounts due to them should be remitted to their homes or deposited, if so preferred, in the Government Savings Bank in the name of the coolies themselves, to be withdrawn by them when they leave home-ward.

64. Coolies and workmen remaining on an estate for the full period of contract and working out their advances shall, as an encouragement and in recognition of their integrity, receive from their employers a 5% bonus on the value of the work turned out by them, the amount being equally distributed amongst all such labourers on the estate.

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65. The employers shall maintain an account of the work done by each cooly, disbursements made and balances due, if any.

66. The employers should bear in mind that the purpose of the Department is to turn as many emigrants as possible into permanent settlers and thus permanently solve the Malnad Labour problem. To attain this object and to do away with the services of the Department as early as possible, employers should heartily cooperate with the Department in conciliating and attracting labour by means of housing, medical, educational and other facilities.

67. Employers found ill-treating or cheating their labourers shall be strictly refused the supply of coolies thenceforward, while in extreme cases of beating etc, information shall be sent to the Secretary who shall cause enquiries to be instituted and shall, with the approval and sanction of the Chairman of the District Committee, take such legal steps as may be found absolutely indispensable.

68. Similarly, in the case of coolies absconding from one employer to another or to their native places, the facts will be reported to the local Labour Inspector or the Labour Correspondent respectively, who shall take such legal action as the Secretary, with the approval and sanction of the Chairman of the District Committee, may advise and authorise. But in cases where labourers remain on the estate but malingar, the employers shall keep an account of such lapses and be entitled to deduct proportionate wages.

69. Employers shall allow their accounts to be examined by the officers of the Department and cooperate with them in their endeavours to strictly enforce the terms of the contract on both the parties.

Service Rules.

70. The Department shall be purely temporary and no office or appointment shall be pensionable; but the Government shall, however, recognise any exceptional good work done by individual officers, by means of gratuities payable at their retirement.

71. Officers already in services and posted to this Department will, of course be subject to the usual pension and the service rules of the Mysore Service.

72. Officers and members of the staff shall be entitled to six and two months notice respectively before their services can be terminated.

73. The Agents maistries etc, shall not receive gratuity of any kind, whatsoever, from the contracting parties beyond the sanctioned commission rates from the employers. All and any remineration otherwise accepted, shall be treated and punished as bribary and extortion.

74. It is to be plainly understood and must be clearly impressed on all the members in the service of the Malnad Labour Bureau that the Bureau undertakes no recruit of any sort, that its sole purpose is to assist the employers in recruiting labour, to minimise the Kanganies' evil influences, that ~~exist~~ have hitherto lead to the demoralisation of the labour force and at the same time, by proper control over both the employers and the recruiting agency, to vigilently safe-guard the interests of both and that it will be the bounden duty of all members in this service to hold the balance firmly and evenly between the two.

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Proposition Statement.

I. (1)	A Non-official Honorary Secretary pay nil. Fixed T.A.Rs.100/- L.A. Rs.50/- per mensem.	Rs.150	Rs. 188 x 12 = Rs. 2256
(2)	One clerk on Rs.30/- p.m. -------	" 38	
(3)	One peon " 8/- " -------		
II. (1)	Two Labour Inspectors, each on pay of Rs.40/- plus a cycle allowance of Rs.10/- p.m.(40+10)x2 =	" 100	Rs. 100 x 12 = Rs. 1200
III. (1)	Dne Labour Correspondent, pay Rs.150/- plus fixed T.A. of Rs.50		
(2)	One Head Clerk on Rs.30/- p.m.	" 266	Rs. 266 x 12 = Rs. 3192
(3)	One Second clerk on Rs.20/-p.m.		
(4)	Two peons on Rs.8/- each p.m.		
IV. (1)	Three Labour Agents, each on Rs.35/- plus 25% of the commission at 4% on the amount paid to the coolies supplied to each owner.	" 195	Rs. 195 x 12 = Rs. 2340
(2)	Nine Maistries on Rs.10/- each plus the remaining 75% of the commission.		
V.	Contingencies. (a) For the Non-Official Secretary's office etc. Rs.30/- (b) Labour Correspondent's office Rs.30/-	" 60	Rs. 60 x 12 = Rs. 720
VI.	Office rent etc, for both the Offices Rs.20/-	" 20	Rs. 20 x 12 = Rs. 240
		Grand total	Rs. 9948
		In round figures.	Rs.10,000

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Routine Notes.

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Cutting from the Karnata
& 3.4.1919 re the labour
supply for Malnad.

Submitted. This will be
put in the Labour supply
file after perusal.

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The Daily Post.

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THURSDAY EVENING, APR. 3.

Labour for the Malnad.

In connection with this old subject, which one gentleman at least has hammered at with a perseverance worthy of a good cause, and concerning which a great deal has appeared the columns of the *Daily Post*, we note that Government has at last made a move. It is proposed make an experiment in respect of the taluks of Koppa and Thirthahally under certain conditions which are sound up to a point. But there are defects. It is proposed to entrust the management of the new labour organisation to the Shimoga District Committee which, we believe, as such, has no physical existence. Before leaving this point, we would add that, under such circumstances, the responsibilities for the working of the scheme must necessarily be divided between individuals, and we fear for the result. In small things, as well as in large, a universal command is essential and, unless a single individual be held responsible for the proper working of the department and the control of employers as well as recruiting agencies, there appears to us to be small prospect of success. Government have clearly recognised that the recruiting Kungani is ordinarily an irresponsible person who attempts to simultaneously fleece the coolie and exploit the employer. So far, good—but whether the employment of paid maistries at Rs 10 per mensem, *plus* a commission of 2 per cent. or 3 per cent. on the amount to be paid to the coolies supplied to each owner will, by itself, remedy the evil, is another question.

Now there is such a thing as spoiling the ship for a ha'porth of tar. There lies before us, in addition to the Government order on the subject, a copy of a lengthy letter from Mr Hosakoppa Krishna Rao to the Chief Secretary to Government, in which he makes certain alternative proposals, accompanied by figures estimating the cost, and, although our knowledge of the Malnad is slight—we have nevertheless been in parts of it for a month at a time—we confess that they recommend themselves to us very strongly. The difference between the Government estimate of annual expenditure and Mr Krishna Row's figures is only about Rs 3,000 and, if Government really desire—and they evidently do—to help Malnad areca growers, this amount is certainly not prohibitive. It will obviously be better to spend Rs 10,000 annually, and succeed, than to spend Rs 7,000 and fail. And we would respectfully suggest that few men in Mysore know more of this subject than Mr Krishna Rao, while his very perseverance is significant of his sincere desire to improve matters.

To proceed. Mr Hosakoppa Krishna Rao, in his letter, gratefully acknowledges that Government has recognised the essential principles of his scheme for the supply of labour to the Malnad. But he urges the following points, besides that of a single responsibility which has already been referred to. A certain staff will be necessary in the taluks employing labour for the safe guarding of both coolies' and employers' interests. We cannot but agree, it appears to us that the paid maistries, unless under some sort of direct control, are likely to be as venal as the Kungani. A non-official honorary secretary is suggested, to work with and be responsible to the District Committee for his actions, as also two Labour Inspectors. Here, again, it appears, to us that Mr. Krishna Row is talking sound sense. The pay he suggests for the Labour Inspectors, while not excessive, is sufficient to attract the right stamp of man and to induce him to work honestly, so as to keep his job. A maistry on Rs. 10, on the other hand, even though his commission may bring him in a little more, will almost certainly be the sort of person who will look about for way and means, legitimate or illegitimate, to supplement his pay unless he be controlled. The labour agents will have their own work to do, hence, we presume, Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao's suggestion of labour inspectors. As for the honorary secretary to work with the committee, could such a man be found, we can but think that both Government and employers of labour would owe him a warm vote of thanks. Clearly he should be non-official, and clearly also he should be a local man thoroughly conversant with existing conditions who has made a study of his subject. We have scanned Mr Hosakoppa Krishna Rao's figures, and we note that he apportions to the proposed honorary secretary a travelling allowance of Rs 100 per month and a living allowance of Rs 50. Doubtless there are people who will place their finger upon this item. But, unless a man be a millionaire, he cannot possibly afford to drain his pocket of money, as well as sacrifice his time, for the good of any project, however worthy. And obviously, to be of any practical use, the suggested honorary secretary must be a person of education and standing, with a capable knowledge of his subject. There are men in the employ of the State who draw the above amount for practically sitting beside an electric fan all day.

We cannot, in the space at our disposal go into each and every point raised in the somewhat lengthy documents before us. The practical head of the paid department, according to Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao's suggested scheme, would be a Labour Correspondent on Rs 150, *plus* a fixed travelling allowance of Rs 50, who would tour for twenty days a month and be directly responsible to the Honorary Secretary. We hold no brief for Mr Hosakoppa Krishna Rao, but, when we consider his patient and unremunerated efforts in the cause of the Malnad and his lengthy experience of his subject—when we add to this our own humble knowledge of that wild and difficult district and study, quite impartially, the suggestions he makes, we confess that we can find no flaw in them. His figures are not extravagant—for such a purpose an extra Rs 3,000 per annum is a bagatelle to Government. His Labour Correspondent would be a responsible and able man at a moderate salary, and should work smoothly with the Honorary Secretary—who so suitable as Mr Hosakoppa Krishna Rao himself if he would accept the post. The various members of the District Committee would be, so to speak, united and bound together by the system he suggests, and we believe that success would result. But, although, with Mr. Krishna Rao, we fully appreciate the good intentions of Government and the recognition which is evinced of the basic principles which have been formerly enunciated, when we turn again to the Government proposals and compare them with those included in Mr Hosakoppa Krishna Rao's letter to the Chief Secretary to Government, we cannot but recognise the superiority of the latter.

One other point—an old one. Government suggests that the Chairman of the Shimoga District Committee should ascertain, among other things, whether landowners will be prepared to contribute a moiety of the cost of the scheme by raising a suitable acreage cess. Now there is surely no possibility of denying that the *supari* cess is Malnad money. It comes from the Malnad and, in all justice, it should benefit the Malnad. In his letter to the Chief Secretary to Government, Mr Hosakoppa Krishna Rao sets this and other arguments out at some length. We propose to be brief. In addition to the above argument, there is no doubt whatever that neither areca growers nor any other Malnad employers of labour have any spare cash at present. And, with all due respect to Government, we therefore second Mr Hosakoppa Krishna Rao's suggestion that the annual cost of organising a Labour Supply department should be met out of the *supari* cess. It is encouraging indeed to see how, with the new *regime*, something practical is proposed to be done for the Malnad. We would urge Government not to half do it. If they do, it is probable that they will waste their money, but a very little extra expenditure will produce success. And, after all, compared with other items of expenditure in this State, the amount required is almost trifling.

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Signed by Mr Pm

Section ~~108-18~~ Jan
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No. 23681

To

Hon Robert Knox Chief Rev Sec
Land Holders'
Hon Kotha

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge
~~with thanks~~ the receipt of your
letter No 386 dated the 3rd March
suggesting certain modifications
in the Order sanctioning a
scheme for the Labour supply
in the Inland.

I have the
honour to be
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Your obedient servant

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Serial No. 3

General and Revenue Secretariat

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Date of issue 24.5.19

Signed by W. O'Shea

Read.—

G.O no G. 20308-13/Sar 80-16-15 & 10.3.19 sanctioning a scheme for the Labour Supply in the Malnad.

2 Letter no. 387 & 30.3.19 from Mr Harakoppa Krishna Rao, Landholder suggesting certain modifications in the ~~Order Thereon: No.~~ Order sanctioning the above Scheme.

Order no. G 26401-6 Govt are pleased to dis

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i Printed?

ii treated as a standing order?

iii published in the Gazette English part?

iv translated?

v placed at the disposal of the press?

vi published in the Gazette Kannada part?

the Labour agency ~~in the~~ placed under the control of the ~~Kadur District~~ Malnad Improvement Committee of the Kadur district instead of Shimoga, and that the scheme ~~is~~ be temporary for a period of 3 years ~~in~~ instead of two.

2. An additional sum of Rs 1000/- is sanctioned for establishment and other charges the details for the same being submitted by Chairman, Malnad Improvement committee, Kadur, in consultation with the said Committee to be used with the sanction of Govt. If any ~~extension~~ saving the sanction of Govt. will be utilised in the following year.

3. The Chairman Malnad Improvement Committee ~~Kadur~~ Kadur, ~~are~~ is requested to submit the report ~~called for~~ referred to in para of the order dated 10.3.1919. preliminary investigations enable Govt to pass final orders in the matter.

List of enclosures.

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Chief Secy to Govt

The Chairman, Mal. Committee, Shimoga Kadur, Hassan

Comptroller. Govt Press Communications

Mr. Hirakappa Krishna Rao

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our Supply in the Malnad.

No. G. 26401-6—San. 108-18-3, DATED 24TH MAY 1919.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

READ—

Government Order No. 20308-13—San. 80-16-15, dated 10th March 1919, sanctioning a scheme for the labour supply in the Malnad.

2. Letter No. 387, dated 30th March 1919 from Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao, Landholder, suggesting certain modifications in the order sanctioning the above scheme.

Order No. G. 26401-6—San. 108-18-3, dated 24th May 1919.

Government are pleased to direct that the Labour agency be placed under the control of the Malnad Improvement Committee of the Kadur District instead of Shimoga, and that the scheme be temporary for a period of three years instead of two.

2. An additional sum of Rs. 1,000 is sanctioned for establishment and other charges, the details for the same being submitted by the Chairman, Malnad Improvement Committee, Kadur, in consulation with the said Committee for consideration of Government. If any Government establishment is necessary. the extra grant will be proportionately reduced.

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C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secy. to Govt.

To—the Chairmen, Malnad Improvement Committees, Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan.
The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.
PRESS TABLE.

Exd.—G. W. B.

Government of His Highness th Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPAR MENTS.

G. O. No. G. 26401-6—San 1 8-18-3, dated 24th May 191

Labour Supply in the Malnad.

Makes certain modifications in the order sanctioning a scheme for the——.

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Memorandum.

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From

JAMES AND COMPANY,
GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL CONTRACTORS,
Saddle, Harness, and Boot Makers, Carriage Builders
Motor Car Painters and Upholsters,
Auctioners and Commission Agents, OOTACAMUND.

Greenfields,
Ootacamund, 15th May 1919

To The Chief Secretary
to the Govt of Mysore
Mysore

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Sir,

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I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your obt servant,
G. R. James.

Hosakoppa Krishna Rao
Land-Holder.

Hosakoppa P. O. (Koppa-Kadur) 11

Dated 22nd June 1919.

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Proposed by Mr. H. Subba Rao of Nellipalaw.
Seconded by Mr. A. M. Susai of Lovedale Estate.

P.T.O.

Resolution II.

Copy of above to be forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Govt of Hysore and Mr H. Krishna Rao of Malavad

Proposed by Mr. T. Chennakrishnam Pillay

Seconded by Mr. C. D. Jones.

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Hariharpur,
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The Malnad Land-Holders' Association
HOSAKOPPA
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Dated 22nd. June 1919.

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To

A. R. Banerjee Escr., B. A., I. C. S., C. I. E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

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I pray I shall not be considered as worrying the Government by persistently hammering at this subject more often than necessary, since, in doing so, I am only anxious for the success of the Scheme which the Government have so graciously sanctioned with a view to help the Malnad people out of their difficulties.

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I may be permitted to request you most respectfully once a and finally to give the points raised in my letter to the Chief Sec

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Your personal sympathetic consideration and see that the Scheme duly revised accordingly will be brought into operation as early as possible.

Sir,

Thanking you in grateful enticipation of an early favourable reply from you,

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Krishna Rao

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The Malnad Land-Holders' Association
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D. O. No. 6730.

Bangalore,
24th June 1919.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 392 dated the 22nd instant, to the address of the Dewan.

Yours sincerely,

BR 24/6

Hosakoppa Krishna Rao, Esq.,
Land-Holder,
Hosakoppa,
(Koppa-Kadur).

Hosakoppa P.O.
(Koppa- Kadur)

Dated 22nd June 1919.

Dear Sir,

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I do not know how to be grateful to you further for the patience and benevolence with which you have heard me often in the matte of Labour Supply Scheme. You have thus truely placed the whole of Malnad under a deep debt of gratitude to you and your name in this connection will ~~ever~~ remain ever memorable in the history of Malnad.

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I have made bold to address you this personal letter, knowing full well your - sympathy towards the Malnad people who have in you an administrator who has done much for them in the course of your regime, however short. I have already sent official - communications in this connection and let me pray that the matter will be dealt with, in a way, by which the benovelent intention - of Government in this connection will be both practicable and substantial.

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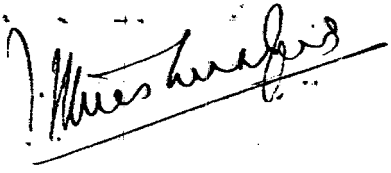
ing on you this long, personal letter.

Thanking you in grateful anticipation o-
early, favourable decision in the matter,

Ever yours to command.



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D.O. No 6735

Bangalore,

25th June, 1919.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant regarding certain modifications in the Malnad Labour Supply Scheme, and to say that the letter has been referred to the Chief Secretary to Government to whom further communications if any, in the matter may be kindly addressed.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) N. Madhava Rao,

Private Secretary to the Dewan.

H. Krishna Rao, Esq.,

Landholder, Hosakoppa.

To 129/26-6-19

Copy of the above, together with Mr.H.Krishna Rao's letter (in original) is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary for necessary action.

By order,

N Madhava Rao

Private Secretary to the Dewan.

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to 1884

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
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Date of issue 2/7/19

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Section Gen
File No. 1088
Serial No. 6

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To

Horakoppa Krishna Rao Esq
Landholder
Horakoppa, Koppa P.O

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Date of issue 28.7.1919

Signed by Sir. Ms. Iyengar

Section Samy

File No. 1088

Serial No. 7

No. G2221

To

The Collector, Chairman
~~The President, Kadur District~~
M. D. Kadur Board
Chikmagalur

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to ~~your~~ Fo. No. 26401-6/Samy 1088-183 of 24.5.1919 making certain modifications in the first sanctioning a scheme for the Labour Supply in the Malnad, and to request you to be so good as to forward at an early date the report ~~referred to~~ referred to in para 3 of the Fo. No. preliminary investigations to enable Govt to pass final orders in the matter.

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Yours

for Chief Secy

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
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No. G2222

Date of issue 28.7.19

Signed by Dvr Mo. Sreenivasan

To

Horakoppa Krishna Rao Esq
Land holder, Horakoppa
Koppa P.O.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter no G.82/navy 108-18 re labour supply in Malnad dt 2.7.19, I am directed to state that orders will be passed on your representations in due course ~~on receipt of the report from the President Kadur District Board~~

I have etc

over.

17/7/19

Chief Secretary

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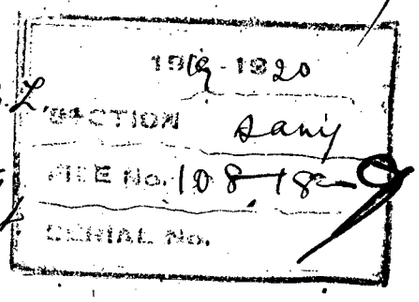

From

K. Mylar Rao, Esquire, B.A, B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

To.

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to Government order no. G. 20308-13 / Sau 80-16-15 dated 10th March 1919 sanctioning the Scheme for the Labour Supply in the Malnad and directing that a preliminary investigation in certain matters be held and a report submitted to Government, I have the honour to forward herewith the vernacular correspondence received with the Tarikere Sub Division Assistant Commissioner's S.H.C. no. 890 dated 13th October 1919. It will appear from the Amildar's report, forthcoming in the record, that about three-fourths of the garden owners in the Koppa Taluk are not willing to agree to the conditions specified in para 3 of the order. It is further reported that no body is willing to pay a cess for meeting a moiety of the cost of the Scheme. On receipt of the report, I wrote to Mr. Hoskoppa Krishna Rao as to what he had to say in the matter, and asked him to let me have the

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From The Deputy Commissioner
Kadan District

To The Chief Secretary to Govt. of Burma

Dated 26
Despatched Camp Hankapyu

Received
M. 9. C.
~~General~~ No. 62
No. 19-20

Enclosure Nos: 1 Three d file of
Vernacular papers.

Submitting a report with the
records on the investigations
made in connection with the
Labour Supply in the Kadaud.

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the records of any investigation which he might have made. A copy of his reply is herewith forwarded for information.

2. At the Koppa Taluk Conference held at Nilavagalu on the 23rd December 1919 over which I presided. I explained to the people assembled the substance of the Government order. They gave me to understand that they were willing to agree to the conditions 1 and 3, but they were not prepared to pay any cess and suggested that as the Scheme was proposed to be introduced tentatively for a period of three years, the entire cost thereof ~~might~~ be met out of the Supari Cess Fund. The request made does not appear to be altogether unreasonable. Such portion of it as has been collected in the Koppa Taluk and as remains unspent or a fraction thereof may, perhaps, be utilized to meet the cost of the Scheme.

3. The Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga informs me that the garden owners in the Thirthahally Taluk are not willing to accept the Conditions laid down. A copy of his letter together with a copy of its enclosure is herewith forwarded.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
K. Mylara Rao
Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District

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Malnad Land Holders' Association

Hoskoppa
Koppa Taluk
Dated 6th December 1919.

To.

K. Mylar Rao. Esquire. B.A. B.L.
Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

Sir,

With reference to your kind letter no. M.J.b. 62/1919-20 dated the 4th November last, re the Malnad Labour Agency as proposed to be sanctioned by Government. I beg to invite your kind attention to the following:

(1) In the first place, the idea of conducting any investigation into the necessity for such an Agency is quite inconsistent with the nature of the problem as it stands today. The conditions to which the labour employing garden owners of Malnad have to agree are so cramped that if all or some of them differ in one point - a point on which all have rightly disagreed - will lead to mean that people

on the whole differ from the idea of any Scheme.

To be clear, the conditions on which it is proposed to take the Consent of the people before bringing into operation any Scheme are three:- (1) Whether three-fourths of the number of labour-employing garden owners in the Taluks referred to agree in writing, to act through this Department only, becoming members thereof and subject to such rules and conditions as may be prescribed by the Department in respect of wages, manner of employment hours of labour &c., (2) whether the landowners will be prepared to contribute a moiety of the Cost of the Scheme by raising a suitable acreage cess. (3) Whether the employment of labour will provide for adequate Sanitary arrangement for housing the labourers &c.

Of the above, the first and the last point are such as to require no necessity for any investigation. All agree to become members of the proposed Department subject to such Rules and Conditions as may be prescribed by the Department in the matter of wages &c of labour. There will be an advisory Board of elected representatives of the labour employing

/ Garden owners to suggest the satisfactory workings
of the Scheme and there will hardly be any
opposition from any quarter on the point.
The third point is one on which no one
can raise objection as it will be to their
advantage of steady supply of labour that
they have to provide the coolies with Sanitary
houses &c. The only point on which there
is a good deal of difference of opinion is
about the proposal made in the second
point. It is with regard to the moiety of
cost proposed to be paid by the people in
the shape of a suitable acreage cess. many
have disagreed with this proposal and
rightly too. You are personally aware that
I have also put my case on this point
very strongly before the last Session of the
Economic Conference, urging upon the
Government to meet the entire cost
of the Scheme out of the surplus of the
Shipair Cess Fund Collection. As the
above will clearly show, we cannot
justifiably conclude that the three fourths
of the labour employing Garden owners do
not

agree to act through the Department. The only question which, as we have to take it, the people have not answered to the satisfaction of the Government, as laid down in their order sanctioning the scheme is about the contributions from the people. You may kindly report to the Government the whole situation of the subject as clearly as there can hardly be any cause for misunderstanding on the subject as a whole, that is to say, in order that Government may not conclude that the people do not agree to act through the proposed Department.

2. Further, the investigations that have been now made are far from satisfactory. Under the present conditions of the Malwad region, this kind of investigations by petty officials who, with their limited sense of duty, coupled with ignorance of such an intricate question as this labour problem cannot be expected to possess the capacity to explain the nature of the problem, its importance and the true meaning of the Government Order under discussion, could not

not be conducted, as in which case it cannot contain any true opinion of the people as it otherwise would have been. In this connection, I may state for your information that I had conducted the investigation in the initial stages of the question and the investigation papers of the type herein enclosed, numbering over 100, have already been submitted to Government as long as two years ago. I have no papers (in original) at present.

3. The question of paucity of labour is of the foremost interest to Malwad, because more than perhaps any other question it concerns the immediate well being of the people. Malwad is a tract of waste lands and these lands if timely and well cultivated will mean a great increase of output. This increased output in its turn should mean a higher standard of life and greater possibilities of good future with consequently

more widely diffused enlightenment.

Under these circumstances, I beg of you to report to Government very favorably to malnad people who earnestly seek to be helped in the matter and thus see that the proposed Labour Agency will come into being, without any additional cost to Government the people who are already paying Supari Cess which is meant to help the garden-owners in their difficulties to effect timely cultivations.

Yours etc.
Signed H Krishna Rao

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H Krishna Rao
Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District

Dr

No. C. 344 (M. 9)
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Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District.
Dated 25/27th October 1919.

From,

S. Hiriannaiya, Esq. M. A., B. L.,
Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District.

To,

K. Miglar Rao, Esq. B. A., B. L.,
Deputy Commissioner and Chairman
Malnad Improvement Committee,
Kadur District.

Sir,

With reference to your letter no: M I. C. 62 of 19-20 dated the 21st instant requesting me to forward the records of investigation relating to the scheme for labour supply in the Tirthahalli Taluk, I have the honor to state that particulars regarding the preliminary investigation of the Scheme were called for from the Amildar of Tirthahalli Taluk in this office ~~of~~ no: C. 344 dated the 16th June 1919. Thereupon he convened a meeting of the leading garden owners of

of the Taluk on the 28th idem. From the resolution passed at the meeting, it is seen that the garden owners are not willing to accept the conditions laid down in Government order No: 2030 -13 San: 80-16-15 dated the 10th March 1919. A copy of the Proceedings of the meeting is enclosed herein for information. The subject will also be placed at the next meeting of the District Malnad Improvement Committee and the resolutions passed will be intimated to you in due course.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Sd/- B. Lakshmanarao,
For Dy: Commissioner
and chairman.

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Dy: Commissioner and
Chairman M. I. Committee
Kadur District.

Proceedings of the M. I. Committee meeting held on the 28th June 1919.

Present:-

Mr: S. Narayana Rao,
President.

Members:-

Messrs:- Thenginakere Subrahmanya Bhatta
Haragadde Putta Naik.
Honnani Khasim Sab.
Baba Naik.
K. Dakappa.
D'Souza.
Guddekoppa Subba Rao.
Sarja Manjappa.
K. Chennakesaviah.
B. Nagabhatta.
Mahabala Jois.
Channappa Gowda.

The Assistant Surgeon.

(1) Labour Supply in Malnad:-

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Hosakoppa Krishna Rao
Land-Holder.

Hosakoppa P. O. (Koppa-Kadur)

Dated 28th January 1920.

No 415

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To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esqr., B. A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of H.H. the Maharaja
of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to the question of labour supply to Malnad, I beg to invite the kind attention of the Government of H.H. the Maharaja to the following and to request once again and finally that they will be pleased to issue early favourable orders thereon.

The Government of H.H. the Maharaja, while recognising the necessity for the creation of an agency, directed a prilimnary investigation to be held with reference to the following points:--

(1) Whether three-fourths of the number of garden-owners are willing to become members of the Association and whether they are willing to act through the Department, abiding by its rules and regulations.

(2) Whether they are prepared to bear a moity of the cost to be recovered in the shape of a cess

(3) Whether they are prepared to provide sanitary quarters for the coolies.

The way in which the investigation was conducted was far from satisfactory ~~unenviable~~. In the course of the usual official routine, the practical portion of the work devolved upon Hobli Sheikdars whose knowledge about such an intricate question is only limited. Distorted versions of the terms of reference were given to the people without any attempt being made to explain the true meaning of the Government order. The mere mention of the words, rules, regulations, sanitary quarters and the more so, cess was enough to terrify the people into believing that the proposed Labour - Agency was to be another Government Department over which they had no control.

If however the truth had been made clear to them and they had been made to understand that the rules and regulations were to be framed by an association of themselves and the Department

Yogaksheema Nivasini Rao
Land-Lifter.

Yogakshema P. O. (Kappa-Kaun)

To

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Sir,

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was to be under the control of a Committee ~~associated~~ assisted by an advisory Board consisting of eleceted representatives, without any undue inter ference by Government in the matter of wages, sanitary quarters &c, to the coolies, they would not have hesitated to make their opinions known. That I am not exaggerating matters will be clear from the fact that at the recent Taluk Conference held at Niluvagilu of this (Koppa) Taluk, when the Deputy Commissioner who presided over that, referred the matter to the people in clear terms; they unanimously agreed to all the terms of the reference except with regard to the levying of the Labour Cess.

In the matter of the levying of the cess, it has to be urged that there is no immediate necessity therefor. The supari cess is a levy for which there is no justification, if it is not to be utilised for the benefit of supari growers. The Department proposed to be created is experimental and merely temporary for a period of only three years. The expenditure in this behalf is not out of proportion to the annual collection of the supari cess. Consequently, it is but just that the people should claim to utilise a portion thereof for the purpose. Moreover, thereis a large unexpended surplus. From the very outset of the mooting of the question of Labour Supply it has been urged that the expenditure should be met out of the Surplus of the supari cess funds. When the Department has worked satisfactorily in the experimental period and when the people desire to give it permanency, the question of levying a cess may well be considered. I beg to inform the Government, in this connection, that at the recent session of the Economic Conference, I have urged this point in clear terms on the attention of the Government, when the then Dewan-president, Mr. A.R. Banerjee has promised favourable consideration of Government of the whole matter.

With regard to the second order of Government on the subject, I have to invite the attention of the Government to the fact that, while sanctioning an additional grant of Rs.1000/- for establishment and other charges, no details have been given as to the manner in

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which the grant is to be utilised. From the assurance given by the third member of Council, while at Koppa, in the month of May last, I take it however that the amount is to be utilised for the appointments of Labour Inspectors. If so, all of my objections to the first order of Government excepting the one relating to the appointmant of a non-official Secretary appear to have been unreservedly accepted.

I have however to confess to a feeling of disappointment with the non-recognition, as yet, by the Government, of the necessity for the appointment of a non-official Secretary. The management of a Depart-ment, in its experimental stage should not be entrusted to a Committee, as it would be impersonal and could hardly be held responsible for lapses. Personal management alone could make the department work effectively and satisfactorily. The extra expenditure involved would not amount to much, as the pay of the Labour Correspondent at Udipi could be conveniently reduced to Rs.200/- all told, thus effecting an annual saving of Rs.1200/-. Taking the allowances of the non-official Secretary at Rs.150 per mensem, the additional expenditure involved would -- amount to Rs.600/- only per year. This would be mere trifling, considering the amount of practical effeciency to be achieved.

I therefore beg to request that the Government would be pleased to reconsider their orders and sanction the appointment of a non-official Secretary, making the necessary modifications in the matter of salaries, and grants, as otherwise satisfactory working of the Department cannot be guarateed.

In conclusion, I beg of you to kindly look into the whole question carefully and cause the present scheme to be revised in the light of the modifications suggested above.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Krishna Rao

Yogeshwara Krishna Rao

Yogeshwara P. G. (Mrs. Vasu)

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Signed by W.Z. DCG

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Serial No. 11

No. G.18106

To

Horakoppa Krishna Rao, Esq

Landholder, Horakoppa P.O

Koppa, Kadur.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No 415 of 26.1.20 on the question of Labour Supply in the Malnad, and to state that the matter is under active consideration.

Yours faithfully

over. DCG 4/2/20.

For chief Secy to

Asst 6.2.20 DCG 4/2

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Signed by... Dy. Secy

Section Secy
File No. 10878
Serial No. 12

No. G 21371

To
The Deputy Commissioner
Kadur

Sir,

Correspondence ending with
With reference to your letter No.
M.L.C. 62/19-20 dated 26.12.1919
submitting a report with records
on the results of the investigation
made in connection with the
Labour supply in the Malnad, I
directed to ~~that~~ request you
to be so good as to report if
the people are prepared to accept
with the modification that
the scheme of the contribution
required is will be reduced from half to one third
An early reply is requested.

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Yours obedient servant
Secretary to Government

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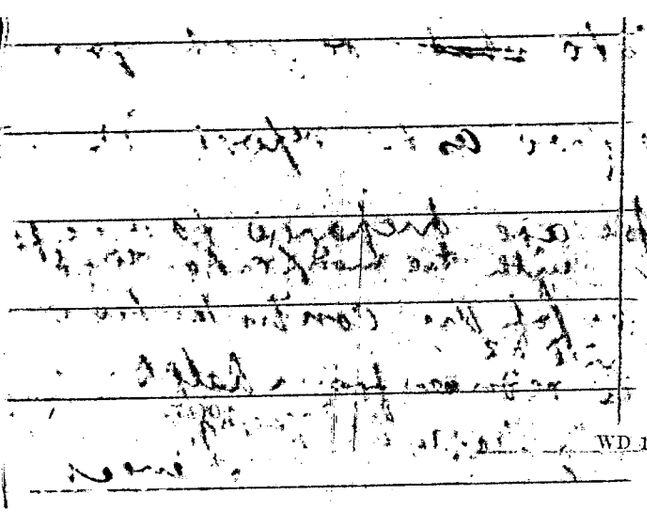

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A KRISHNA RAO
Member, Mysore Legislative Council

Hosakoppa, P. O. (Koppa-Kadur.)

Date 4th July 1920.

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Please put up with the file con-nected with the labour Problem in the Malnad

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Dear Sir,

I have the honour to invite once more and finally your attention to the vexed question of labour scarcity in the Malnad and to appeal to you on behalf of the poor, helpless Malnad ryots; to take their hard case in to your kind consideration:

I may begin by expressing that it is really the good fortune of the Malnad ryots, that the Malnad Improvement portfolio is in the hands of such an experienced officer as your own goodself. You have served in the Malnad, in various capacities and you possess first hand knowledge of the parts. Your eagerness to ameliorate Malnad conditions, as evidenced by your wise and well considered remarks, regarding the working of the Malnad Improvement Scheme and your practical suggestions for improvements thereof, really adds to your credit.

You have fully recognised the importance of an early solution of the labour difficulty in the Malnad, regarding which no further arguments are needed from me. You are however under the impression that unless the people have a stake in the proposed organisation for the supply of labour, they would not evince any interest therein and the scheme is therefore doomed to failure. With due deference to your knowledge and experience, I shall take the liberty of characterising your impression as a misconception.

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Member, Mysore Legislative Council.

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In the first place, as your experience has it, the majority, of Malnad ryots are so poor, illiterate, uncouth and what not that they are hardly alive to the importance of the problem. Secondly, very little they predict the probable benefit that is sure to accrue tomorrow, from the expenditure of a pie to-day. But it is far from wrong to suppose that they cannot fail to partake of a good thing when it is placed before them; the more so, as there is at present no agency of any kind to supply them with labour. They are at the mercy of unscrupulous contractors who swindle both the employers and coolies. The people are sick of the contractors and coolies are more so even. Under such circumstances, they cannot fail to -- to take fullest advantage of an opportunity which Government places before them, of obtaining labour at comparatively less cost and --- risk.

I may however be asked why then people should not be willing to contribute at least one third of the cost, to which the Government have since been generous enough to reduce people's contribution. I have already said that the ignorance of the people contributes -- mainly towards the putting of any measure, when it becomes a ----- question of payment, by them, towards it, however beneficial that --- measure may be. Besides, the objection to pay comes first of all from the people of Tirthalli Taluk. They are not so much affected as the people of the Koppa Taluq on account of their vicinity to the labour supplying parts of South Canara and the more so, for

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want of competetion in the recruitments of labour by owners of -- Coffe Plantations which are not existent in that Taluq. Although they are not opposed to the idea of a Government Agency for recruitment of labour; they are unwilling for the above reasons to have one towards the maintainance of which they would have to contribute any-thing.

Real labour difficulty is felt in my Taluq (Koppa) on account of its lying far away from any labour supplying tracts as also --- on account of the existence of several Coffee Estates which absorb considerable labour deligently recruited. The chief objection --- to levy a cess lies in the fact that in Koppa Taluq landholders are few and tenants who are the real sufferers, very many. The landholders refuse to pay as it is the concern of the tenants to make the gardens yield more than the vent bargained for and the landholders do not care, — so long as they receive their rents. The tenats -- cannot be asked to pay as they ~~are~~ own no lands and as a levy on them --- besides being met with technical difficulty, would work as a burden on them.

As an experienced officer, you cannot be unaware of the facts that even the most beneficial measure affecting the vital welfare of a people has in its early stages to be forced upon them. It is human nature to prefer to run in old grooves and to dread new paths. Even so, with the proposed labour organisation. It is no use ---

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registering individual opinions. If such a course should be ------ adopted before the formation of Malnad Improvement Scheme, the Best act and such other measures as the Government has considered to be of utility of the people, I do not think that more than one tenth of the people would have given their consent. As the Government has recognised the necessity of a labour supplying agency, it ---- behoves them to create one whether the people are willing to pay a part of the costs or not. At least in the experimental stage of such an organisation, the Government should not demand any -- contribution. When the scheme has worked successfully for the --- prescribed period, its continuance may be conditioned on payment of even half the cost by the people who having tested the benefits of the organisation would willingly and gladly contribute.

I therefore beg to request you to be kind and good enough -- to reconsider your recent announcement that unless the people --- were willing to bear one third of the costs, the scheme would be -- indefinately post-poned and to signalise your administration of the Malnad by causing the scheme which is calculated to contribute ---- largely to the economic development of Malnad, to be brought into immediate operation, without people's contribution.

Since the people of Tirthalli are not much affected by the labour scarcity, that Taluq may be excluded for the present and -- until they themselves demand, from the operation of the scheme.

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Member, Mysore Legislative Council.

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Then Koppa Taluq only remains. Considerable savings could thereby be affected in the reduction of the staff. If my suggestion is -- acted upon, I can give the assurance that no efforts would be spared in making the scheme a success.

Hoping to be excused for the liberty I have thus taken to -- inflict on you this lengthy, personal letter, in the earnest hope that it will receive kind consideration at your hands and thanking you in grateful anticipation.

With best regards

I remain, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

H H Krishna Rao

To

Mir Humza Hussain Esqre., B.A., B.L.

Member of Council,

Bangalore.

M.I.C. No. 62 / 19-20 Encl: Nil.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
KADUR DISTRICT.

Dated Chikmagalur, the 6th July 1920.

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III SECTION DEPARTMENT — JUL 1920

K.Mylar Rao, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner, and Chairman,
M.I.Committee, *Kadur District.*

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.G.21371/san - 108-18-24 of the 16th March 1920 calling for a report as to whether the people are prepared to accept the labour supply Scheme with the modification that the contribution required will be reduced from half to one third, I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of letter No.M.I.67/19-20 of the 20th June 1920 received from the Sub-Division Officer, Tarikere reporting that the majority of the people in the Koppa Taluk are not prepared to accept the scheme nor to pay even the reduced contribution now proposed by Government.

In this connection, I submit also a copy of letter No.C.344(M.I) 16-17 dated the 5th May 1920 received from the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga District, intimating that the introduction of the Labour supply Scheme is not considered necessary for that District.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

K. Mylar Rao

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
M.I. Committee Kadur District.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner &
Chairman, M.I.Committee, Kadur District,
Dated, Chikmagalur, the 6th July 1920.

Copy of letter No.M.I.67/19-20 dated 20th June 1920 from the Sub-Division Assistant Commissioner, Tarikere Sub-Division to the Deputy Commissioner, & Chairman M:I.Committee, Kadur District

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With reference to your memo No.M.I.C262/19-20 dated 19th March 1920 forwarding copy of Chief Secretary's letter No. G.21371/San 108-18-20 dated the 16th March 1920 regarding the Labour Supply Scheme in the malnad and requesting to enquire and let you know whether the people of Koppa are prepared to accept the Scheme with the modification that the contribution required will be reduced ~~to~~ half to one third, I have the honor to submit herewith in original the report No.543 dated 17-6-1920 received from the Amildar, Koppa Taluk in the matter, together with the Hobliwar lists of persons whose consent or otherwise obtained in the matter.

It is seen from the above lists that the number of persons who have given their consent in accepting the said Scheme is very small while the number of persons who are not for it is very large as noted below.

	Consented.	Not consented.
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Megunda Hobli	17.	50!
Baggunji Hobli.	4.	30.
Hariharpur Hobli.	2.	40.

In the Kigga Hobli it is reported that none of the garden owners are willing to pay any contribution towards the scheme.

A few number of persons in the Baggunji Hobli and Hariharpur Hoblies have stated that they would accept the scheme provided that the contribution payble is reduced to one fourth. The other few have given their views in different

In this connection I beg to state that as reported by the Amildar and on a few enquiries made by me also in the matter the majority of the people in the Taluk are not prepared to accept the Scheme and also to pay even the reduced contribution now proposed by Government.

Sd/- K.Hanumantha Rao,
Sub Divisional Assistant Commissioner,
arikere Sub Division.

A.K.

Copy
H Hanumantha Rao
Deputy Commissioner
and Chairman M.I. Committee
Kadur Dt

Copy of letter No.C.344(M.I.)16-17 dated the 5th May 1920 received from the Deputy Commissioner and Chairman,M.I.Committee,Shimoga ---- to the Deputy Commissioner and Chairman,M.I.Committee,Kadur District.

In continuation of this Office No.C.344(M.I,)16-17 dated the 25th October 1919 and with reference to your letter No.M.I.C.No.62 dated the 19th March 1920,on the subject of Labour Supply Scheme, I have the -- honor to forward herewith,a copy of the resolution of the Malnad --- Improvement Committee,Shimoga, passed at their meeting held on the 27th March 1920 to the effect that the introduction of the Labour Supply Scheme,is not,in the opinion of the Committee,necessary for the ----- Shimoga District.

" C O P Y "

Deputy Commissioner and
Chairman,M.I.Committee,
Kadur District.

Proceedings of the first meeting of the Malnad Improvement Committee of the Shimoga District held in the Court Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Shimoga, on Saturday the 27th March 1920 at 8 A.M.,

Subject No.30 :-

Read letter No.1477 dated the 30th June 1919 from the Amildar, Tirthahalli Taluk reporting that the garden owners of the Taluk are not agreeable to the terms offered by Government in the matter of the employment of a Labour Recruiting Agency at Udipi for the supply of labour to Koppa and Tirthahally Taluks.

Resolution :- Resolved that the introduction of the Labour Supply Scheme is not in the opinion of this Committee, necessary for the Shimoga District.

Sd/- S.Hiriannaiya,
Deputy Commissioner and
Chairman, M.I.Committee,
Shimoga District.

" C O P Y "

Deputy Commissioner and
Chairman, M.I.Committee,
Kadur District.

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SUBJECT:— Labour Supply in Mahad

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Diary No. of letter replied to 421

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
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Date of issue 7/9/20

Signed by Mr D.C.S.

To

Hosakoppa Krishna Rao Esq
Landholder,
Hosakoppa.

Sir

With refce to the correspondence ending with your letter dtd 4.7.20 requesting that for reasons given the Scheme relating to the Labour Supply in the Mahad & may be introduced into Koppa Taluka, the Contribution from the people being waived, I am directed to invite

Att attention to the resolution passed by the
the Central Committee B.
on the subject, at their meeting
held on 10.7.1920 (Vide copy of
Proceedings enclosed)

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Date of issue 19/1

Signed by

Section Jail

File No. 608—18

Serial No. 16

No. G 1407 1

To

Hosakoppa Venkata Rao Esq

Landholder, Hosakoppa

Koppa P.O.

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of 30.12.20 re. Labour supply in the mahal I am directed to state that the question will again be placed before the next meeting of the mahal improvement central committee.

over. I have etc

12/1/21 Asst 12.1.21.

Secy 12/1/21. Returned herewith

List of enclosures.

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SUBJECT No. 93.

Malnad Labour Supply Scheme.

Messrs. (1) Hoskoppa Krishna Rao, Koppa Taluk and (2) Meega Honnaiya Heggade, Malnad Landholders' Association, Hoskoppa.

Mr. Meega H. Heggade.—Early arrangements may be made for the formation of a Labour Supply Agency in the Malnad.

Mr. Hoskoppa Krishna Rao.—I am aware that this question cannot be discussed at a meeting like this. But I submit this matter for the serious consideration of Government.

Third Member of Council.—The subject was considered at the meeting of the Malnad Improvement Central Committee held at Shimoga on the 11th September 1920 and the non-official members—except only Mr. Hoskoppa Krishna Rao, were against the proposal. It was resolved that the question might be dropped.

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Malnad Instt

Proceedings of Govt: Secondary 1920 —

Extract from the Address of the Malnad Members —

I am desired, however, to urge for early action of the Government that the labour problem awaits satisfactory solution and while the Government have realised the need of steps being taken, no orders have yet been passed in the matter of the execution of the scheme already sanctioned. I humbly venture to say that the Government should waive the ryots' share of contribution as the malnad ryots are over-burdened with all sorts of taxations. I may be permitted to add that the ryots' unwillingness to contribute a portion of the cost towards the scheme already sanctioned does not indicate absence of popular interest.

MALNAD LAND-HOLDERS' ASSOCIATION, HOSAKOPPA.

H. Krishna Rau, President.

HOSAKOPPA. P. O.
(Koppa-Kadur.)

REVENUE & JUDICIAL SECRETARIAT.
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29 SEP 1921
LOCAL SELF GOVT. BRANCH.

Dated 27th September 1921.

To
B. Ramaswamiah Esq. B.A.B.L.
Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your kind attention to the resolution passed by the Association, above at its meeting held on 28-9-1921 while recording your communication, dated No. L. 338/ 108-18 with one enclosure, and request that the same be viewed favourably.

"The Association, while recording the Letter, humbly submits for the consideration of the Government the following:- That the Association has impressed upon the Government on more than one occasion the necessity of creating an agency for the supply of labour on a stronger and more favourable basis independent of any help financially from the people, hardly able to stand by themselves with the little they get as produce from lands. The Association, again respecrfully submits that it is the duty devolved upon the Government from the point of revenue, apart from the fact, that an organization towards supply of labour, independently of any kind of financial assistance from the the economically unsound ryot, to bring as a 'faiti accompli' the scheme already recommended to and accepted by the Government: it is further of opinion, that the amount derived from supari cess lying idle and the fund from Malnad Improvement scheme, can be spent towards this important and vital scheme with advantage to Government and the ryots, and trusts that Government will not waive this question any more, but will soon make the scheme operative, and thus relieve Malnad of this trouble."

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Krishna Rau

G.O.R. S. VI—G/32]

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Date of issue 18.10.1921

Signed by Dr. D.C. Subbarayappa

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File No. 108-18

Serial No 19

No. L 2339

To

Hosakoppa Krishna Rao Esq.

Land holder

Hosakoppa P.O.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 27th Sept. 1921 re labour supply in the Anahad, I am directed to inform you that while your promised note in the matter is yet awaited, still it is very unlikely that the matter can be considered now on account of the present financial stringency.

I have &c.

over. DCS 14/10/21.

For Rev. Secy.

Secy 14/10/21

12/10/21

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Date of issue 13-2-22

Signed by Mr. D.C.S.

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To

The Deputy Commissioner

Kadur Dt.

Sir,

With reference to the address presented to His Excellency the Governor by the Malnad Land Holders association at the October session of the Legislative Representative Assembly 1921, in the matter of organising a scheme for the supply of labour to the Malnad Arecanut gardens, I am directed to state that it is very unlikely

over. That

the matter can be considered ~~under~~ in the present financial ~~crisis~~ stringency.

The file of papers received with your office letter No. M.D.C. 62/19-208 dated 26.12.1919 is herewith returned.

Sd/- Marsh

Sd/- 9/1/20
Rev. Secy. to Govt.

Copy to Representative Branch section for information

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